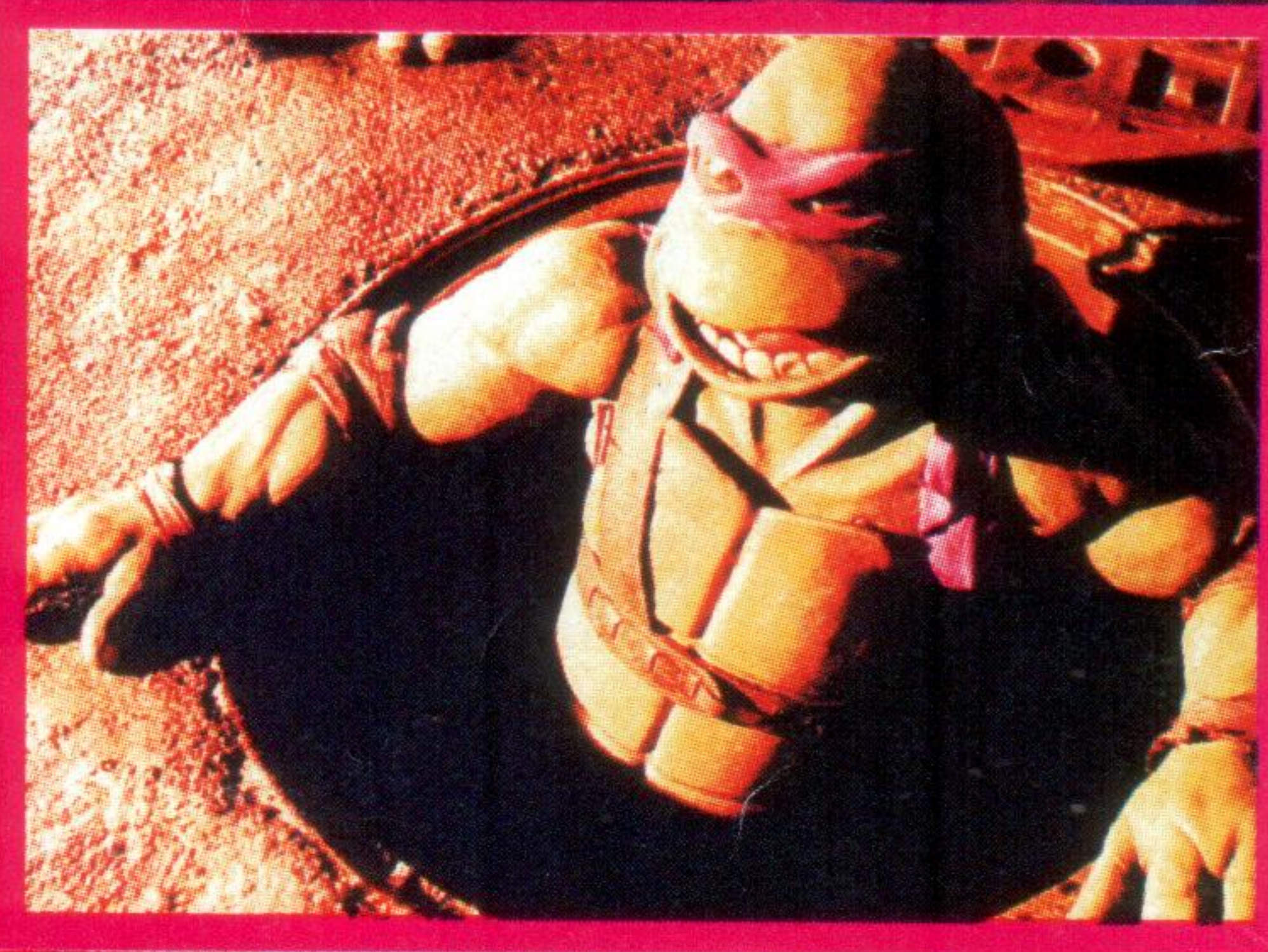




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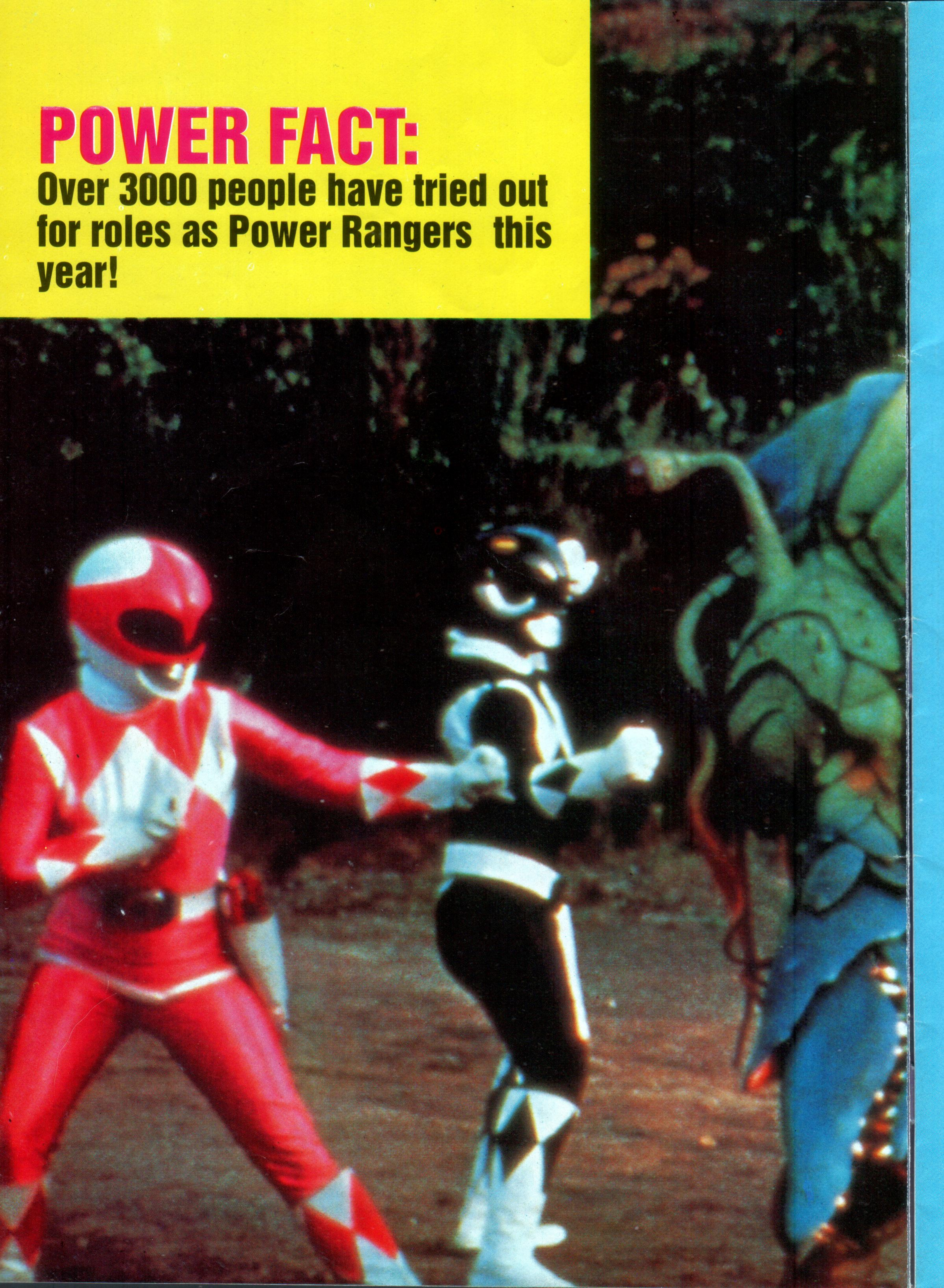


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POWER FACT:

Over 3000 people have tried out for roles as Power Rangers this year!







Power Fact:
Didja know there's
going to be a Power Rangers
movie next year?



POWER FACT:
The Power Rangers
are equal opportunity
employers. Trini's
stunt double used to
be a guy!

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POWER FACT:

This is the definition of
"Power" The
ability to do
something. Vigor,
energy, strength.

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POWER FACT:

When the Green Ranger's Dragon Zord joins Megazord, it becomes Ultrazord

In The

Once upon a time there was a good force named Zordon, and a bad force named Rita Repulsa. Rita launched countless attacks—trying to destroy planets and upset solar systems. Each time Zordon foiled her attempts to gain control of all the galaxies. Ultimately the two decided to toss a coin to see who would prevail. Zordon won, banished Rita into a sealed zithium cylinder and sent her adrift into empty space forever... hopefully.

After a thousand years, Rita's dumpster crashed into the moon. Earth sent some lunar explorers to the mysterious container. Rita was free, and ready to destroy earth. She blew up mountain ranges, sucked whole lakes dry and demanded blind obedience of all earthlings—basically ticked off everybody.

Zordon fought back using the most powerful forces on earth, prehistoric dinosaurs and teenagers with attitude. Using fossils Zordon built fighting machines and found five teenagers with attitudes—each with a special physical skill and an innate ability to wear spandex. These five teenagers were the most powerful force in all the galaxies—THE MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS.



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**Power
Rangers**

MEET THE POWER RANGERS

Billy, Trini, Jason, Zack,
Kimberly, Tommy— just
who are **The Power
Rangers**? Well, in the
next few pages, you'll find
out who they are.





DAVID YOST as BILLY THE BLUE RANGER

You know the line "Don't judge a book by its cover!" Those words are definitely true when it comes to describing both Billy and the actor who portrays him— David Yost. People who don't know Billy think he's a geek who only cares about academia. It's true he's a member of the Debate Team, the Science Club, the Math Club, the Chess Club and the William F. Buckley Vocabulary Society. It's also a fact that Billy loves computers and spends whatever spare time he

has in the computer center, romancing the machine. But when Billy puts on his blue uniform he becomes super and draws his power from the Triceratops dinosaur. He becomes powerful and is able to help save the world!

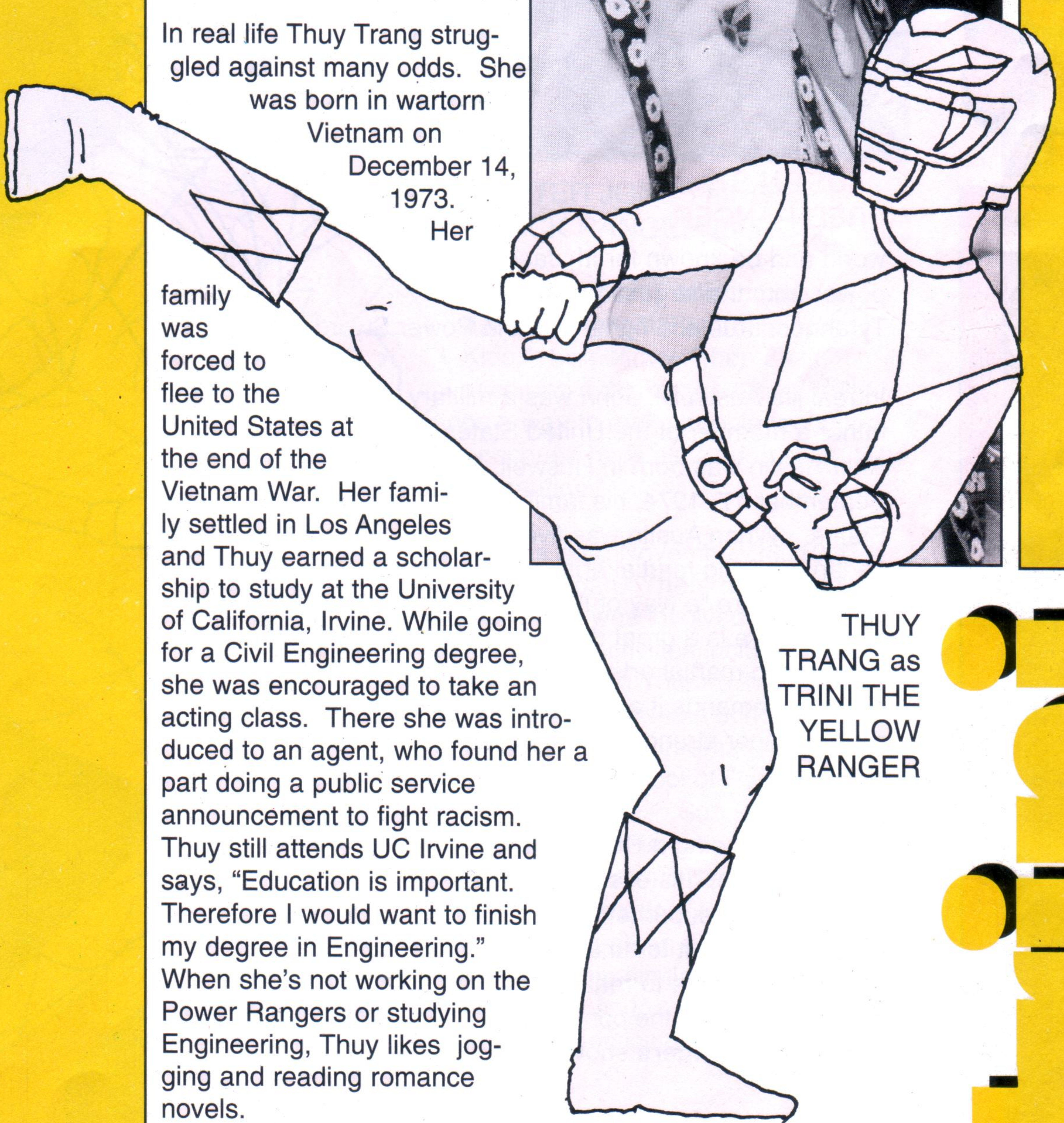
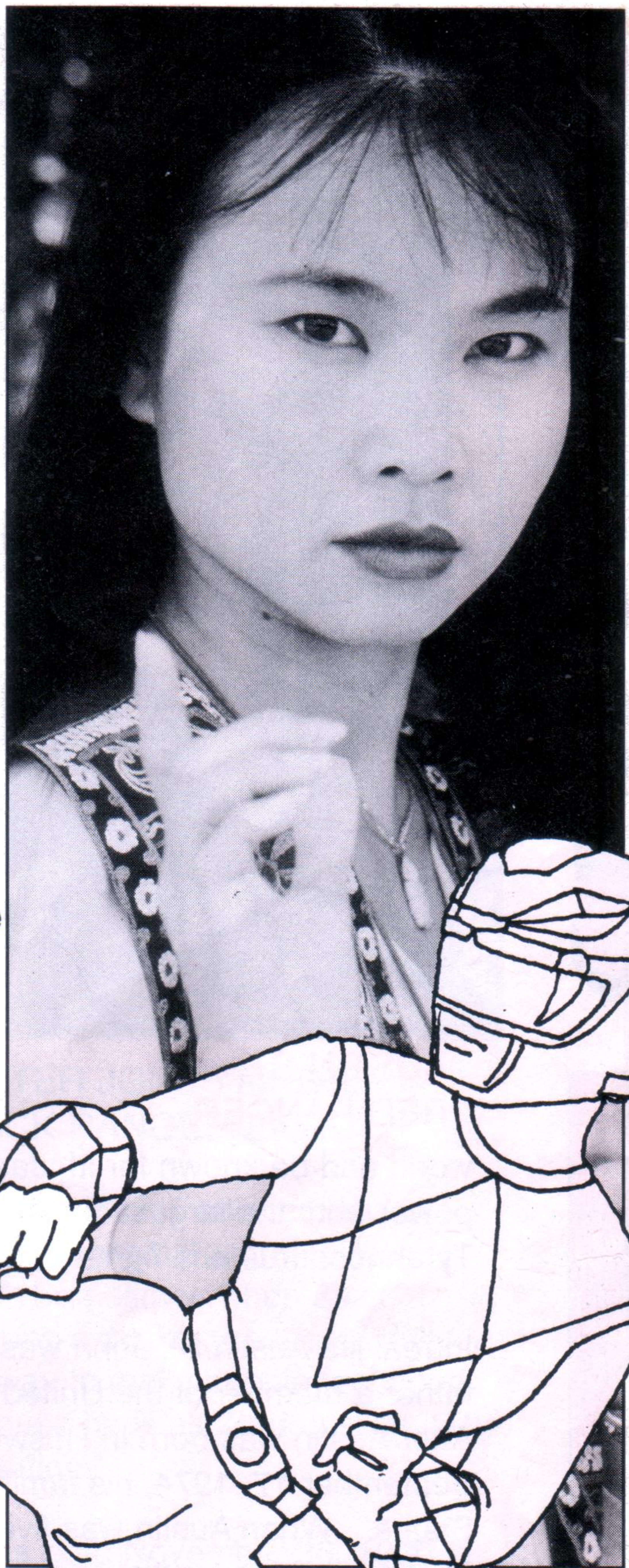
In real life David Yost is a kid from Council Bluffs, Iowa. His small town upbringing was real helpful to him, because he was able to spend time competing professionally in gymnastics and studying acting. He majored in Speech/Communications and Theater at Graceland College in Iowa. He loves swimming at the beach and reading plays. Right now he's writing a play of his own— will David star in it? Who knows!



Gentle persistence and quiet determination are both the character Trini and the actress Thuy Trang's mottoes. Zordon says that Trini is the Ranger with "lightning hands and a peaceful soul." She is slow to anger, but when pushed to the limit, she can neutralize any opponent with a minimal amount of effort. As Trini she is a loner who spends her time developing power by working out in the gym or studying Eastern philosophy. Trini draws inspiration from the Sabre-Tooth Tiger and morphs into the yellow ranger.

In real life Thuy Trang struggled against many odds. She was born in wartorn Vietnam on December 14, 1973. Her

family was forced to flee to the United States at the end of the Vietnam War. Her family settled in Los Angeles and Thuy earned a scholarship to study at the University of California, Irvine. While going for a Civil Engineering degree, she was encouraged to take an acting class. There she was introduced to an agent, who found her a part doing a public service announcement to fight racism. Thuy still attends UC Irvine and says, "Education is important. Therefore I would want to finish my degree in Engineering." When she's not working on the Power Rangers or studying Engineering, Thuy likes jogging and reading romance novels.



THUY
TRANG as
TRINI THE
YELLOW
RANGER





Red is Jason's color— and it's also his and the actor who portrays him— Austin St. John's attitude. Austin is bold and daring. Both in real life and as his character he's always trying to perfect his martial arts moves. That's because he wants to save the

AUSTIN ST. JOHN as THE RED RANGER

world and be known for it! Jason draws power from the largest dinosaur— Tyrannosaurus and fights with the Power Sword.

In real life Austin St. John was a military brat— his father a member of the United States Marine Corps. After Austin was born in Roswell, New Mexico on September 17, 1974, his family lived all over the United States. When Austin was five years old, his father began teaching martial arts. In time he realized that they were "a way of life, I don't do it for sport. There is a great deal of mystery and mystique in martial arts. Aside from the physical demands it also allows me to develop inner strength which builds character."

Austin feels being a Power Ranger is a dream job, "It's every little kid's dream to be a superhero and save the world, I'm just fortunate enough to be able to realize that dream, at least in the context of **The Power Rangers** show."

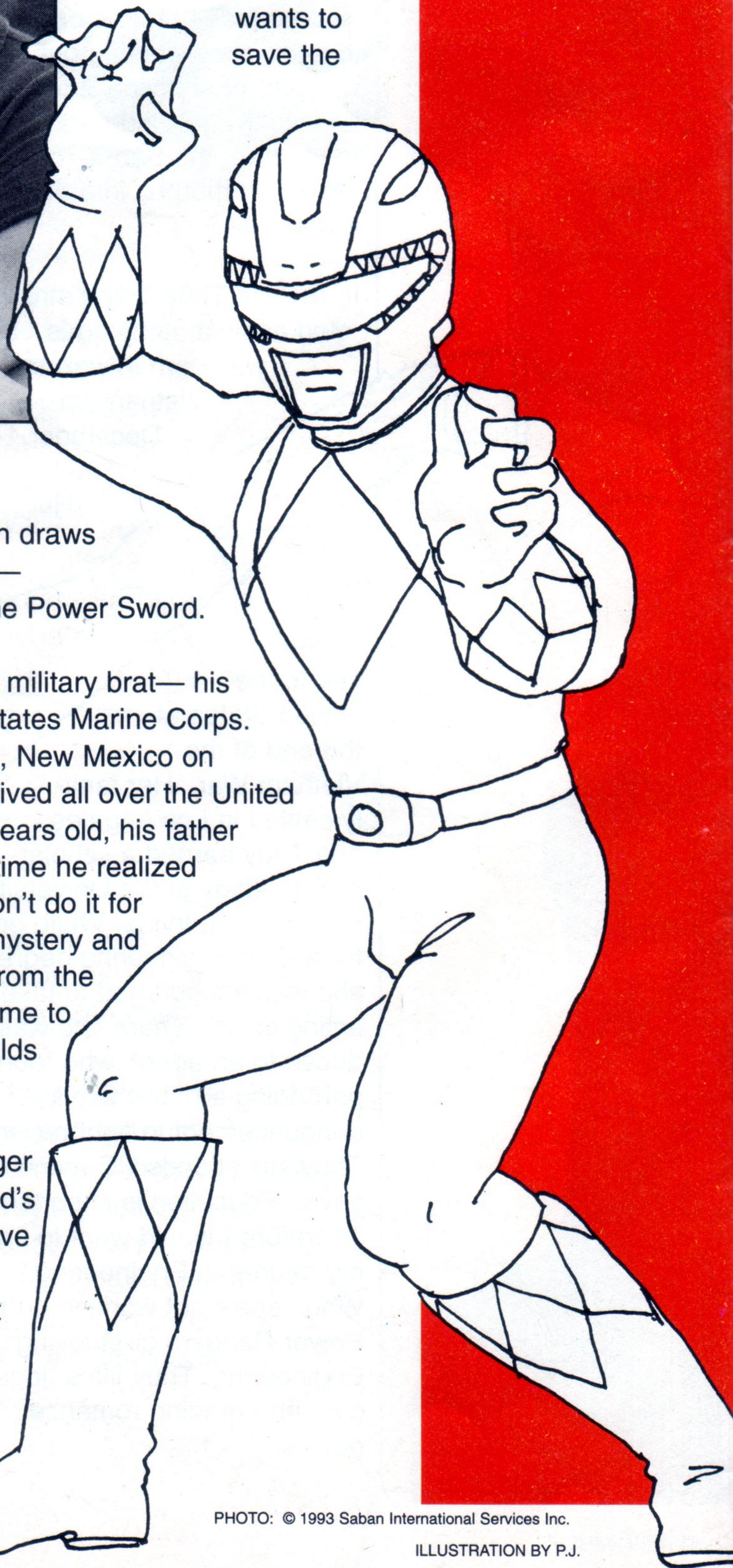


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Zack and Walter Jones—the actor— want to make people feel good, and they will just by being happy. On **The Power Rangers**, the minute Zack walks into a room, everybody starts feeling good. He loves music,

dance
and gym-
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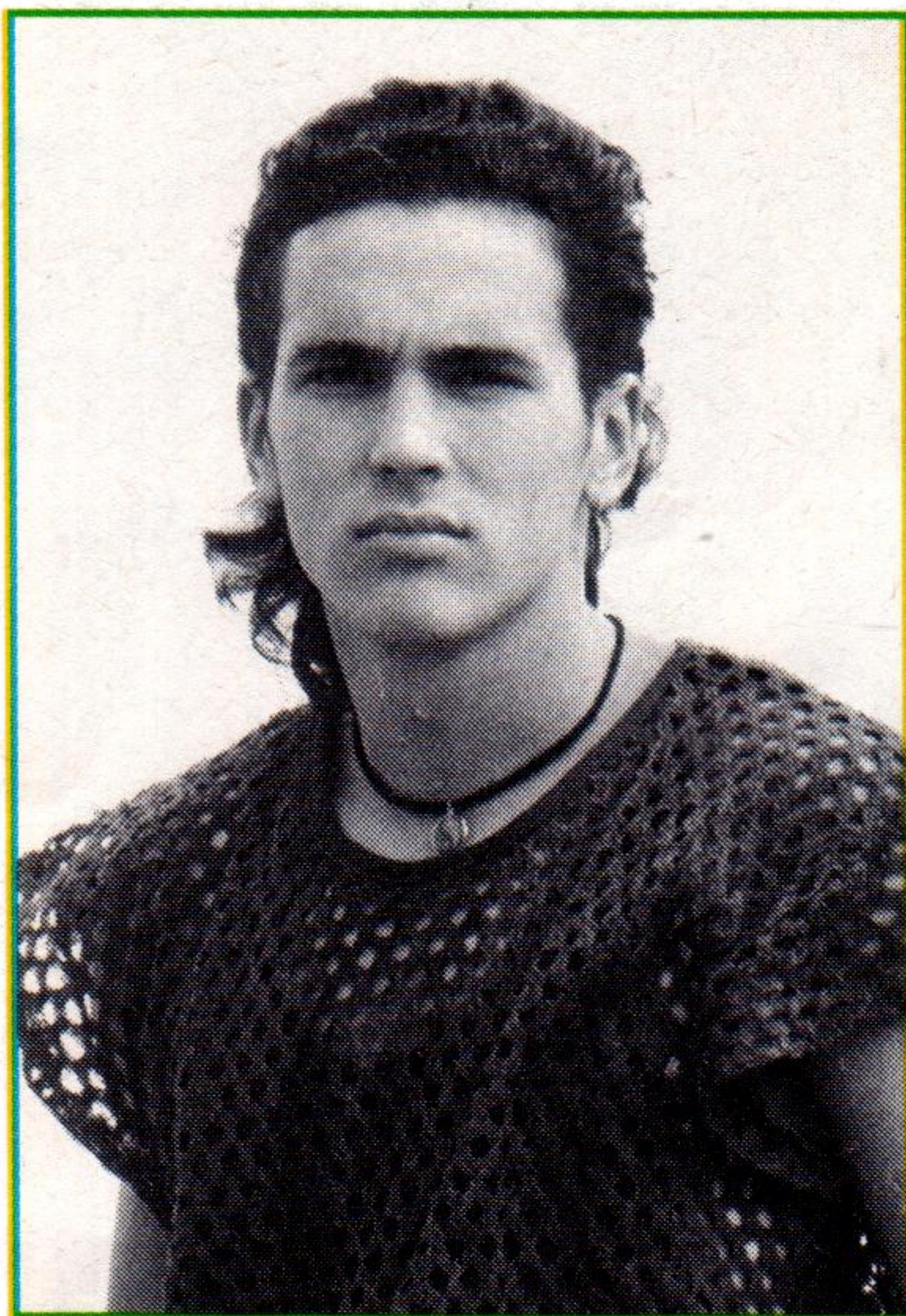
WALTER JONES as THE
BLACK RANGER ZACK

tics. Zack calls his artistic blend of dance and martial arts “Hip Hop Kido.” Sometimes when Zack becomes a thinker, he thoughtfully finds a way to make people feel good. That’s because he is as Zordon says, “The voice of caution.”

Walter was born November 30, 1970 in Detroit, Michigan. There he studied wrestling and was involved with a number of drama activities including the Afro American Studio Theatre Troupe. Ultimately he earned a scholarship to the United States International University School of Performing and Visual Arts in San Diego, California, where he graduated with a degree in Musical Theater. Next he found a job as an entertainer and

assistant cruise director on a ship similar to **Love Boat!** These days Walter has lots of fun, scuba diving, bungee jumping, sky diving, waterskiing, practicing karate and gymnastics! He’s wild!

Tommy



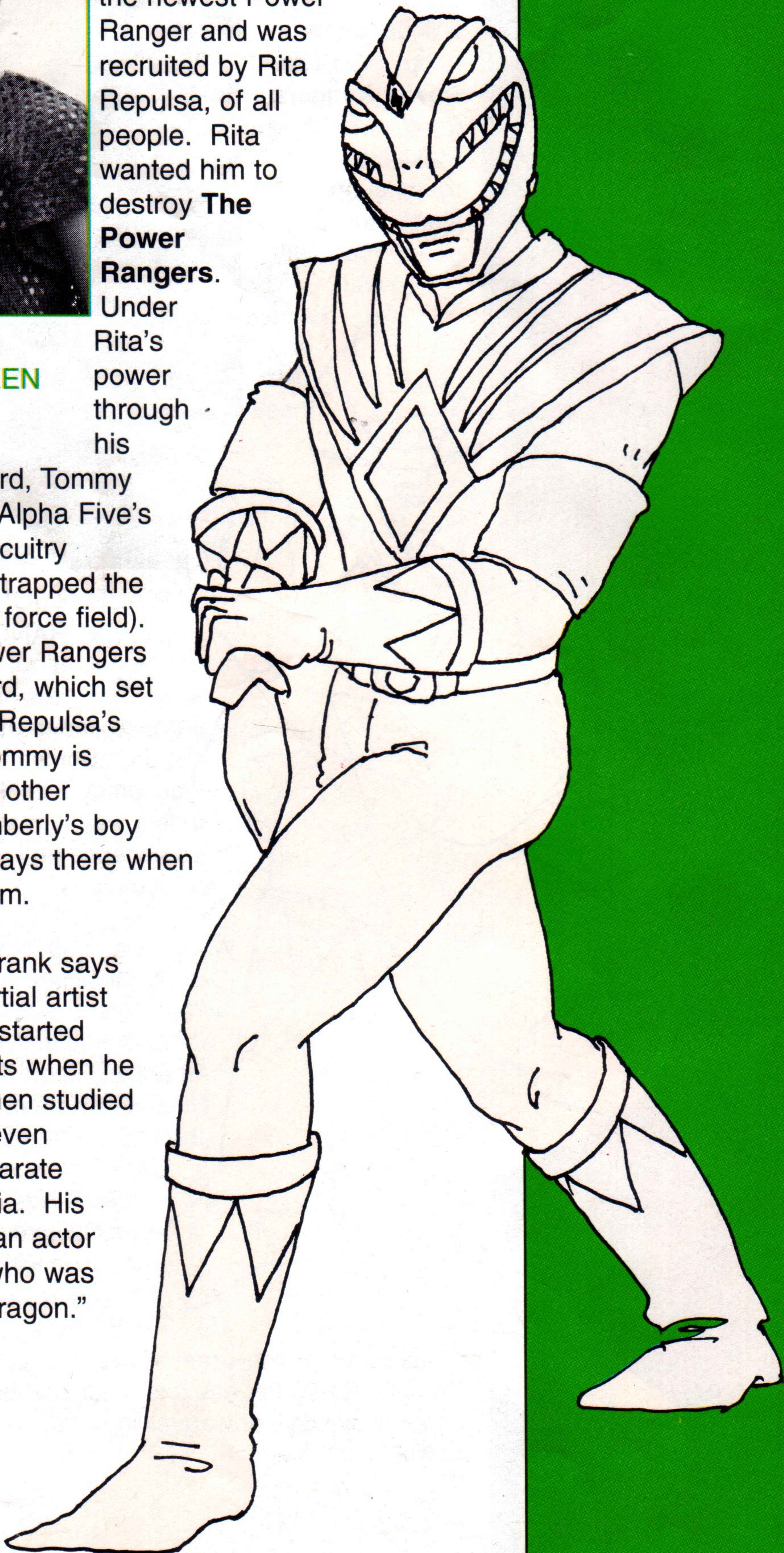
**JASON FRANK as
TOMMY THE GREEN
RANGER**

Both Jason Frank the actor and Tommy the character are as mystical as his Zord, the Dragon! Tommy is the newest Power Ranger and was recruited by Rita Repulsa, of all people. Rita wanted him to destroy **The Power Rangers.**

Under Rita's power through his

Green Ranger sword, Tommy wrecked havoc on Alpha Five's already frazzled circuitry (Fortunately Alpha trapped the Green Ranger in a force field). Ultimately The Power Rangers destroyed the sword, which set him free from Rita Repulsa's spell. Although Tommy is unique from all the other Rangers, he is Kimberly's boy friend and he's always there when the group needs him.

In real life Jason Frank says he's more of a martial artist than an actor. He started studying martial arts when he was 4 years old, then studied 7 different styles, even opened up some karate schools in California. His idol is Bruce Lee, an actor and martial artist who was nicknamed "The Dragon."





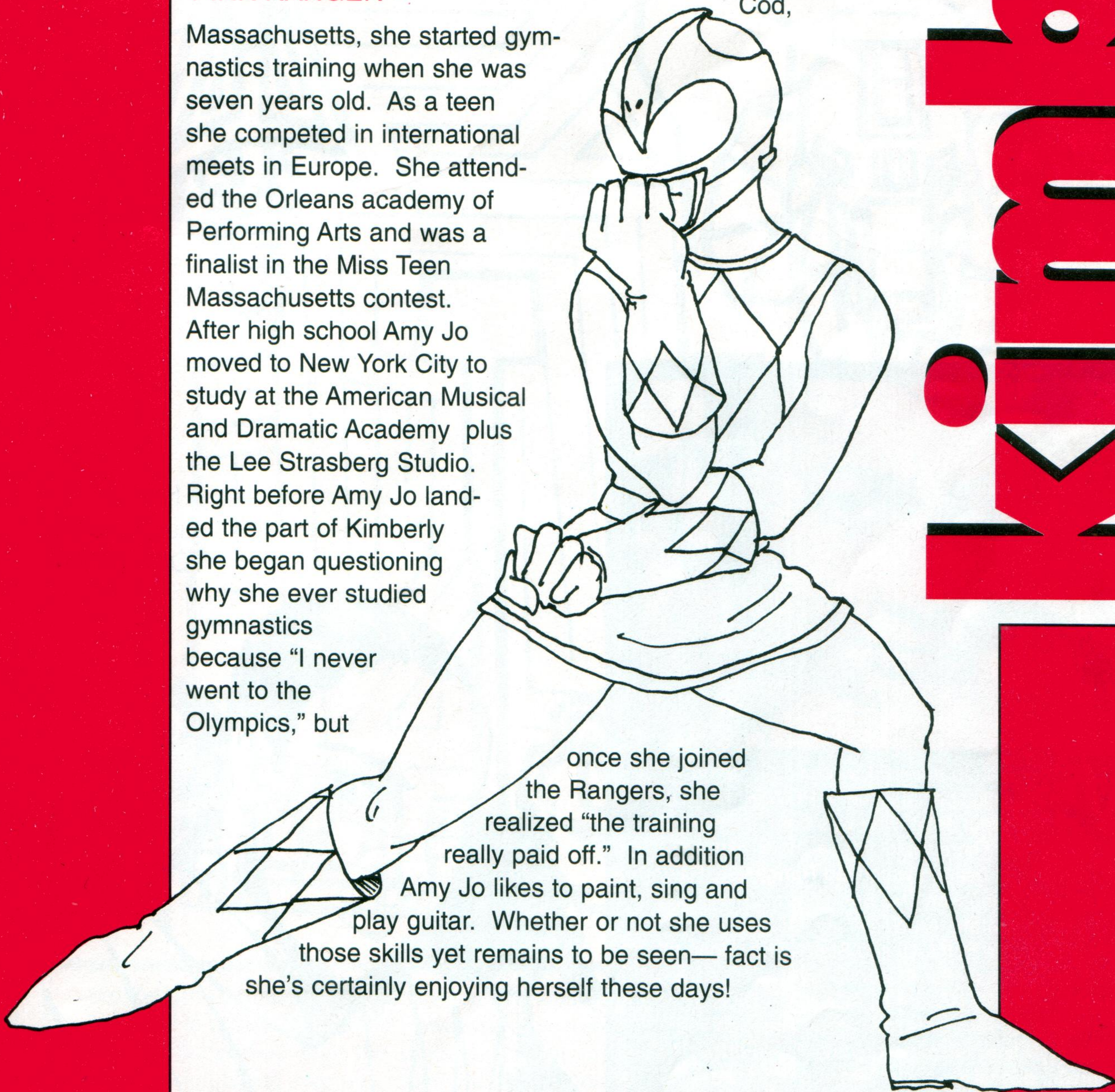
**AMY JO JOHNSON
AS KIMBERLY THE
PINK RANGER**

Amy Jo "A.J." Johnson and her character— Kimberly are both "Queen of the Ball" type ladies, who are popular, strong-willed and very independent. As Kimberly, she's the most popular girl in school who loves to go shopping and practices her gymnastics. She is very supportive of her friends, but not so encouraging when she has to deal with "bad guys." Her weapon is the Power Bow.

In real life Amy Jo lived a very fascinating childhood. Born October 6, 1970 in Cape Cod,

Massachusetts, she started gymnastics training when she was seven years old. As a teen she competed in international meets in Europe. She attended the Orleans academy of Performing Arts and was a finalist in the Miss Teen Massachusetts contest. After high school Amy Jo moved to New York City to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy plus the Lee Strasberg Studio. Right before Amy Jo landed the part of Kimberly she began questioning why she ever studied gymnastics because "I never went to the Olympics," but

once she joined the Rangers, she realized "the training really paid off." In addition Amy Jo likes to paint, sing and play guitar. Whether or not she uses those skills yet remains to be seen— fact is she's certainly enjoying herself these days!



Kimberly

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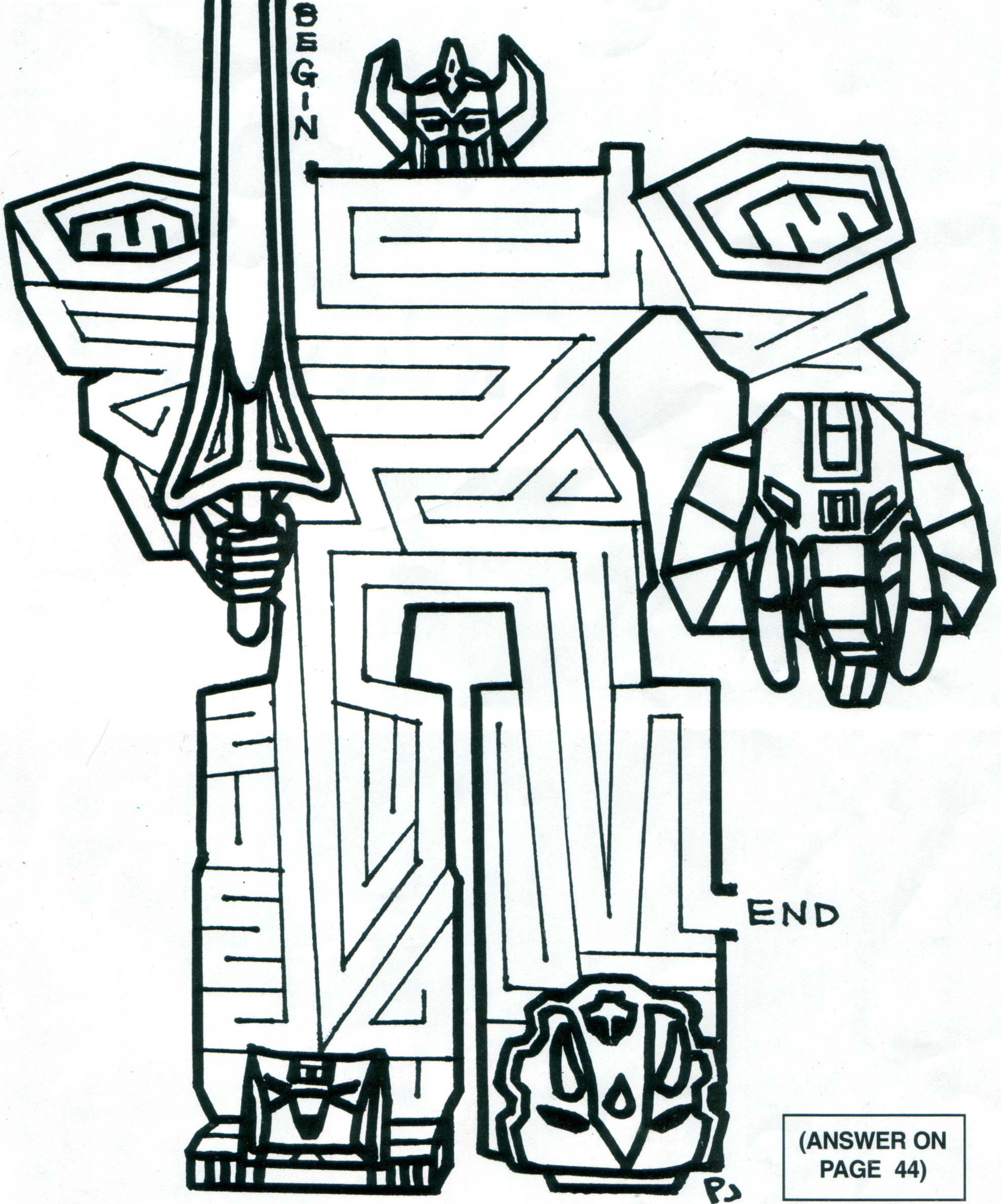


We'd like you to meet PJ, who did all the drawings for this special issue of **POWER HEROES**. PJ is a great artist, who was born and bred in Japan. He says, "There were lots of shows like the Power Rangers. I used to watch **Go Rangers**". PJ got interested in drawing when he was 17 years old and studied sculpture at the Art University. Almost four years ago PJ came to the United States and began to find work as an artist. His illustrations have appeared in **HYPE HAIR, WORD UP** and **BLACK HAIR DIGEST**. PJ has lots of advice for artists, "Don't rush through your art— take your time. Draw everyday. Try to draw different things, even if it's something you don't like. People tend to draw things they're comfortable with drawing."

Here's PJ's
illustration of
**TOMMY THE
GREEN
RANGER!**



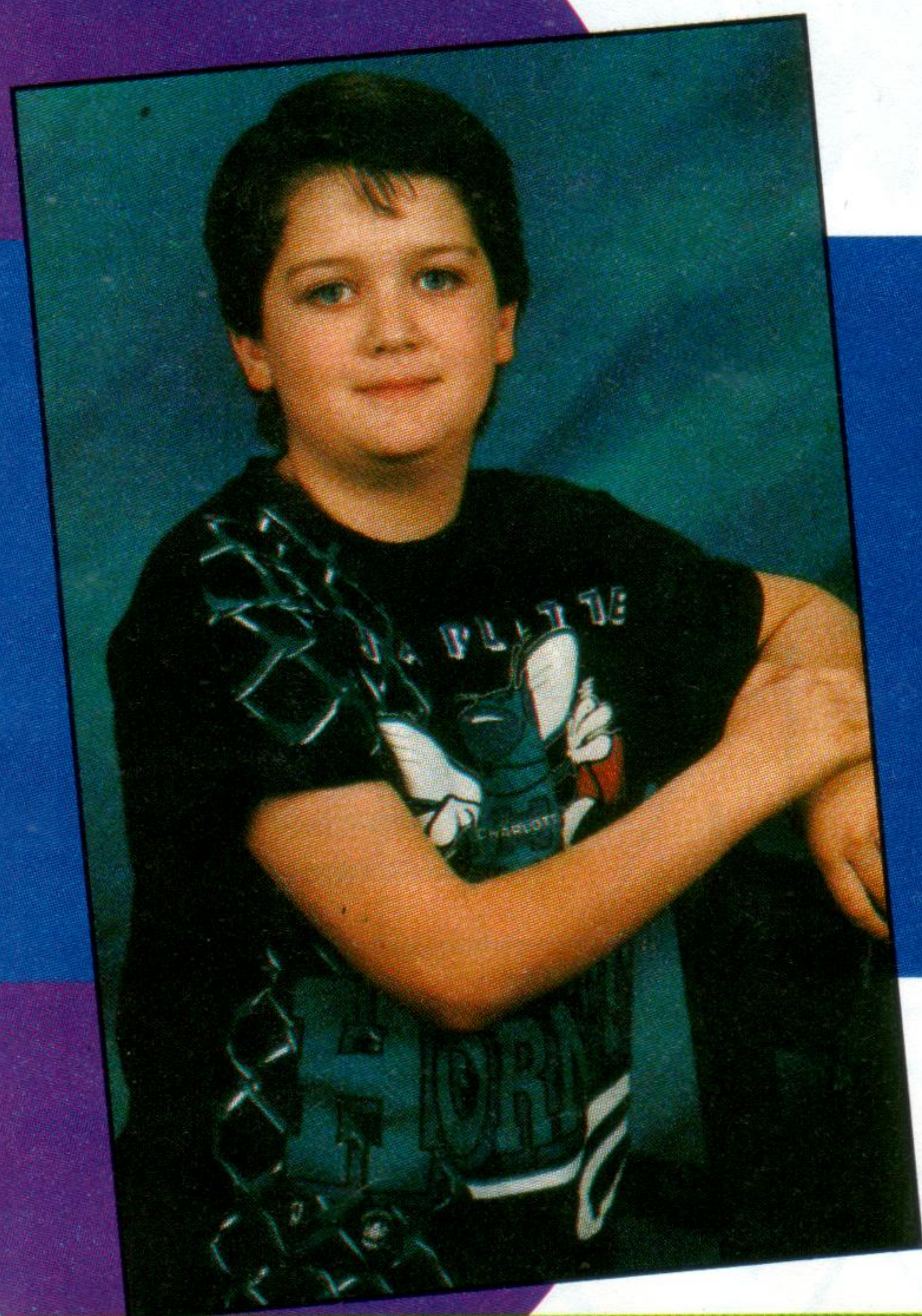
THE AMAZING MEGAZORD MAZE



(ANSWER ON
PAGE 44)

ILLUSTRATION BY PJ

Lord Zedd has stuffed superglue through various nooks and crannies of MEGAZORD. As a result he is unfunctional. The Power Rangers need **Megazord** to finish saving the world today. Your pen contains the antidote of superglue remover that can make MEGAZORD functional again. Using your pen follow the maze to clean all the superglue from MEGAZORD! Thank you, The Rangers and the world truly appreciate it.



THE MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS

By Paul Jennings

This is Paul Jennings. He's 11 years old and attends the Sixth Grade at a school in South Carolina. He's an honor student who loves the Power Rangers. In fact he's the one who turned the editor of this magazine onto the Power Rangers almost a year ago. Paul loves camping (especially canoeing), electronic games, movies, basketball, music (his family works in the music business), pizza and tae kwon do. We're pleased to present Paul's first article ever.

Earth needs something like The Power Rangers to help keep things more secure. I think the police, F.B.I., and special security people could always use some help. Watching The Power Rangers is cool because it gives kids hope for the future—that the bad



Imagine what it would be like to hang out and spar with The Power Rangers?

forces don't always win. Maybe the show gives some kids the chance to see the difference so they can judge right from wrong. It's important to see lessons so they can think about them, and try to understand.

Being one of the Power Rangers has to be a hard job for the characters in the series and the actors playing them. Going to school and keeping up with all that work is hard enough, but having a part-time job that has inter-galactic importance is a lot of responsibility.

But it's cool, you know when something bad happens that The Power Rangers have the strength and skill to just "fix things." This helps us kids feel that maybe we should look for solutions too— get involved, be helpful, be motivated. So the actors who play the parts of the Power Rangers do have a responsibility— as role models— the little kids really look up to them.

I'm a big fan of action and martial arts. My favorite Power Ranger is Zack. Zack has the most weapons. I like his personality because he's cool, and he has great dance steps. I like his Zord— the mastodon. And he wears my favorite color, which is black, of course.

I've been taking Tae Kwon Do for about a year. I have a blue belt. From my instructor, Master Pak, I learned the tenets of Tae Kwon Do which are: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit. These ideas are shared by The Power Rangers.

So, I guess Zack and I might have a lot

in common. It might be nice to have a best friend like Zack. A best friend is someone you can rely on, somebody that you can talk to and someone you can hang around with. A best friend is a person to be there when you need them the

most. But, if Zack and I were best friends, it would be strange— he's a television star. Well, maybe he'd take me backstage. That would be fun. I would tell him about everyday things I do like if I got a new CD or saw a movie or something like that.

I guess we could go to the "Y" together. I spend a lot of time there, especially during the summer. But Zack and I would never be able to do anything because of the crowd that would surround us. He'd get a lot of attention. Even so maybe it would be fun to play a game of "horse."

I'd like to take Zack to Carowinds (a local amusement park) and see if he'd ride the "Vortex". The "Vortex" is supposed to be the fastest, scariest ride in the park. He'd probably like that.

I'd like to ask Zack what it's like to be a Power Ranger or how it feels to be famous and admired by thousands of kids. Zack could also help me by teaching me some new dance techniques.

I hope that things change in the world so that there's less competition and hate. The Power Rangers give us kids something to believe in, packed with a lot of action. Superman, Batman, and all the

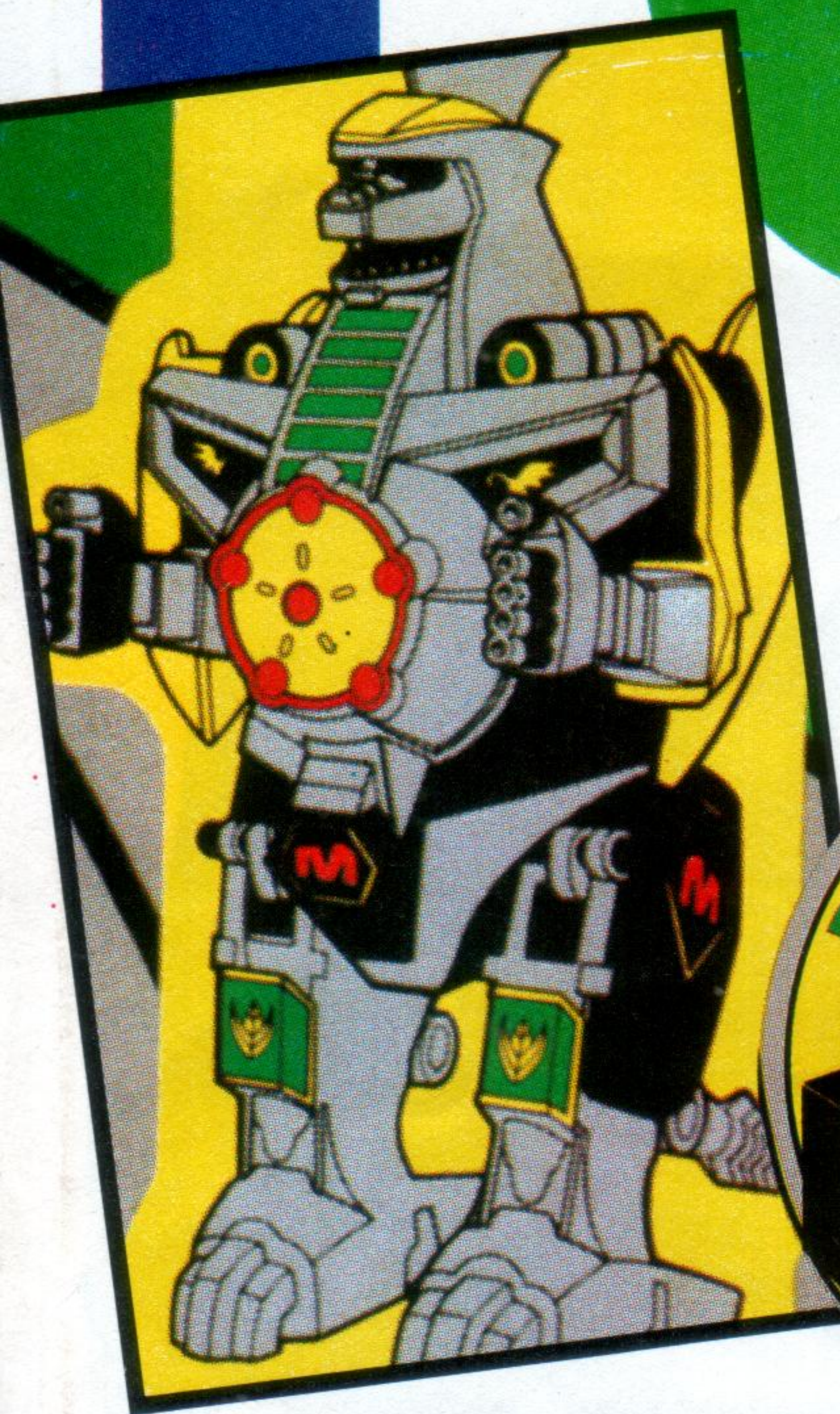
other super heroes belong to our parents— The Power Rangers belong to the kids of the '90s!



We could play dolls. These dolls are part of the Power Ranger Deluxe set available from Bandai America. By the way additional outfits are available!

If you can imagine yourself hanging out with one of The Power Rangers (or any other Power Hero) or if you've ever met a Power Hero, why don't you share it with us. Or if The Power Rangers have influenced you in any way, we'd love to know about it. If we print your story as an article, we'll compensate you, plus send you a free copy of the magazine in which it gets printed. Send us your story— about two pages typed, double space, plus tell us a little bit about yourself. Include your phone number with the area code, plus a picture of yourself. Send it to POWER HEROES AND VILLAINS, Starline Publications, 210 Route 4 East, suite 401, Paramus, New Jersey 07652.

Fun



Zordon and Rita Repulsa used as a coin toss that ultimately banished Rita a thousand years.



POP UP BOOK AND STORY-BOOK/COURTESY OF MODERN PUBLISHING

The Power Rangers use Coins Of Power to change from being mere "teenagers with attitude" into superheroes. One of these Coins Of Power were the actual coins that

All the Power Rangers have Dino Zords which are machines used to help them fight many of the evil monsters.

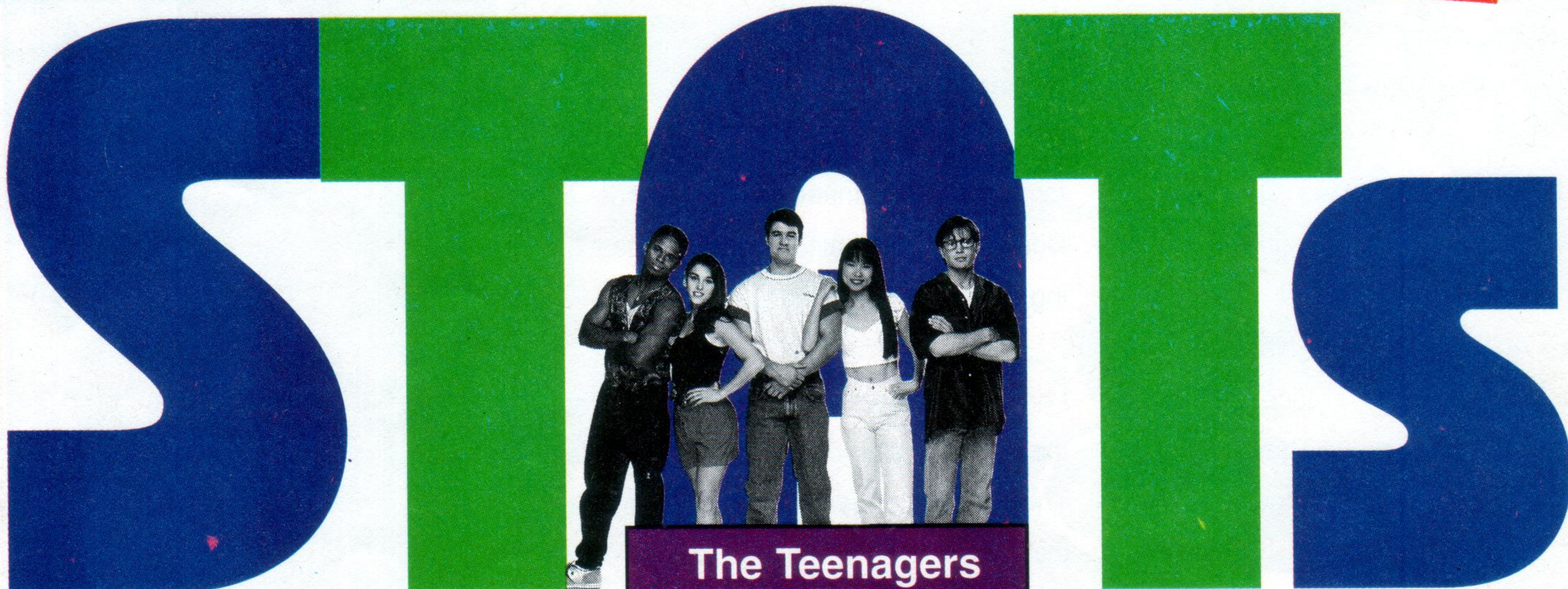
For all you Rita Repulsa fans who are bummed that Lord Zed banished the empress of evil into a garbage can flying through the universe, rest assured Rita will find a way to return. She is very persistent.

The real life creator of THE MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS, Haim Saban, is also a very persistent person. Nine years

ago he had the idea for the show but nobody believed in it. Now his show is a success, and everyone believes in his other show ideas.

There are many Mighty Morphin Power Rangers toys available, including colorforms, dolls, action figures and books! The action figures are among the most popular.

SENTAI is the journal of Asian sci fi and fantasy. Recently they compared and contrasted POWER RANGERS with various Japanese "RENGER" shows. In addition SENTAI did an episode by episode analysis of each POWER RANGER show so far. If you're interested in ordering their POWER RANGERS SPECIAL, write to SENTAI, c/o Antarctic Press, 7272 Wurzbach, suite 204, San Antonio, TX 78240. Ask for information on their other back issues.



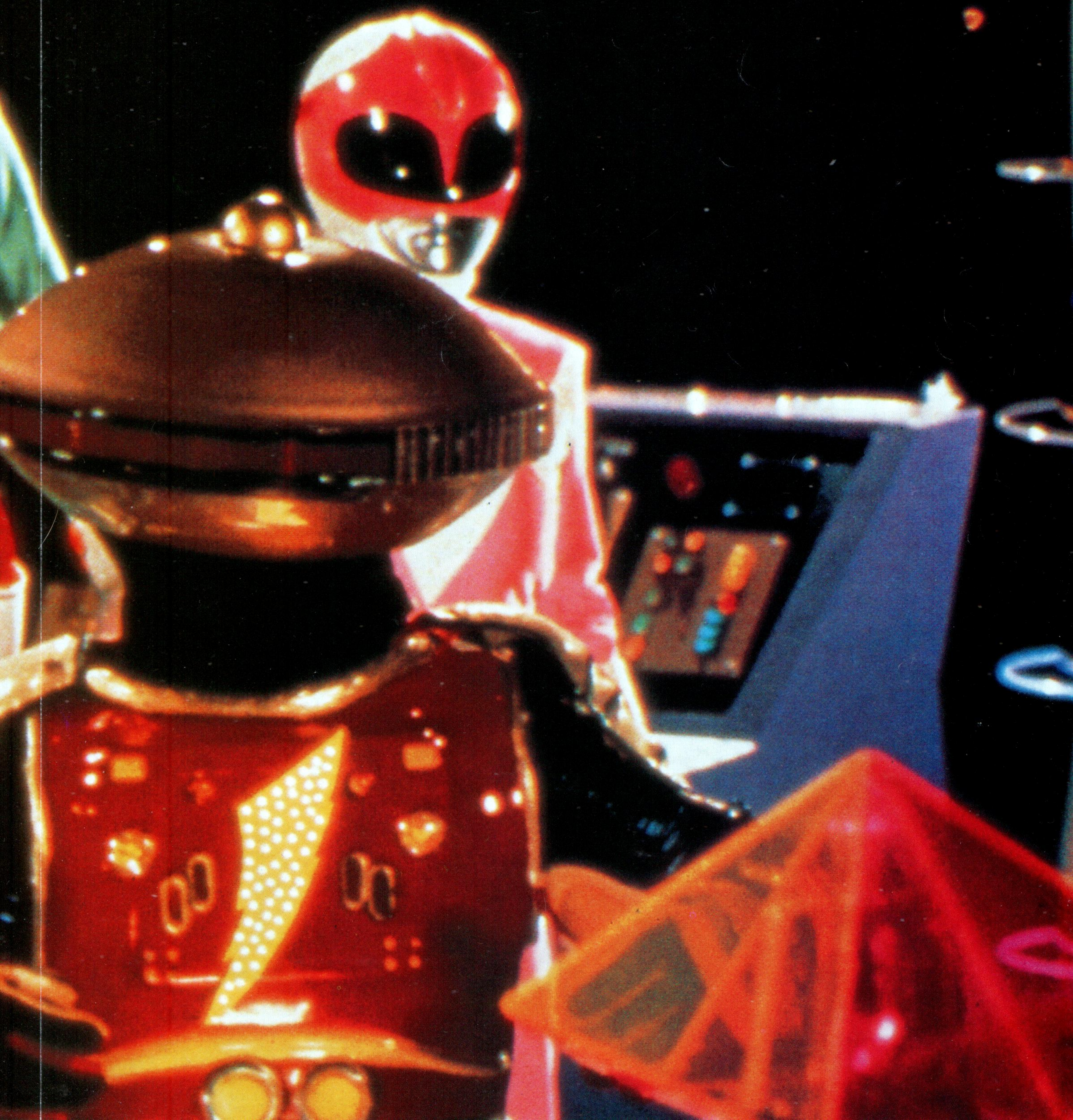
The Teenagers With Attitude



Power Fact: It is the celestial being Zordon who runs control and who gave the power to The Rangers.



Power Fact: Here are the Rangers and friend Alpha Five at Control. Alpha Five is a good android who makes goofy mistakes!





TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

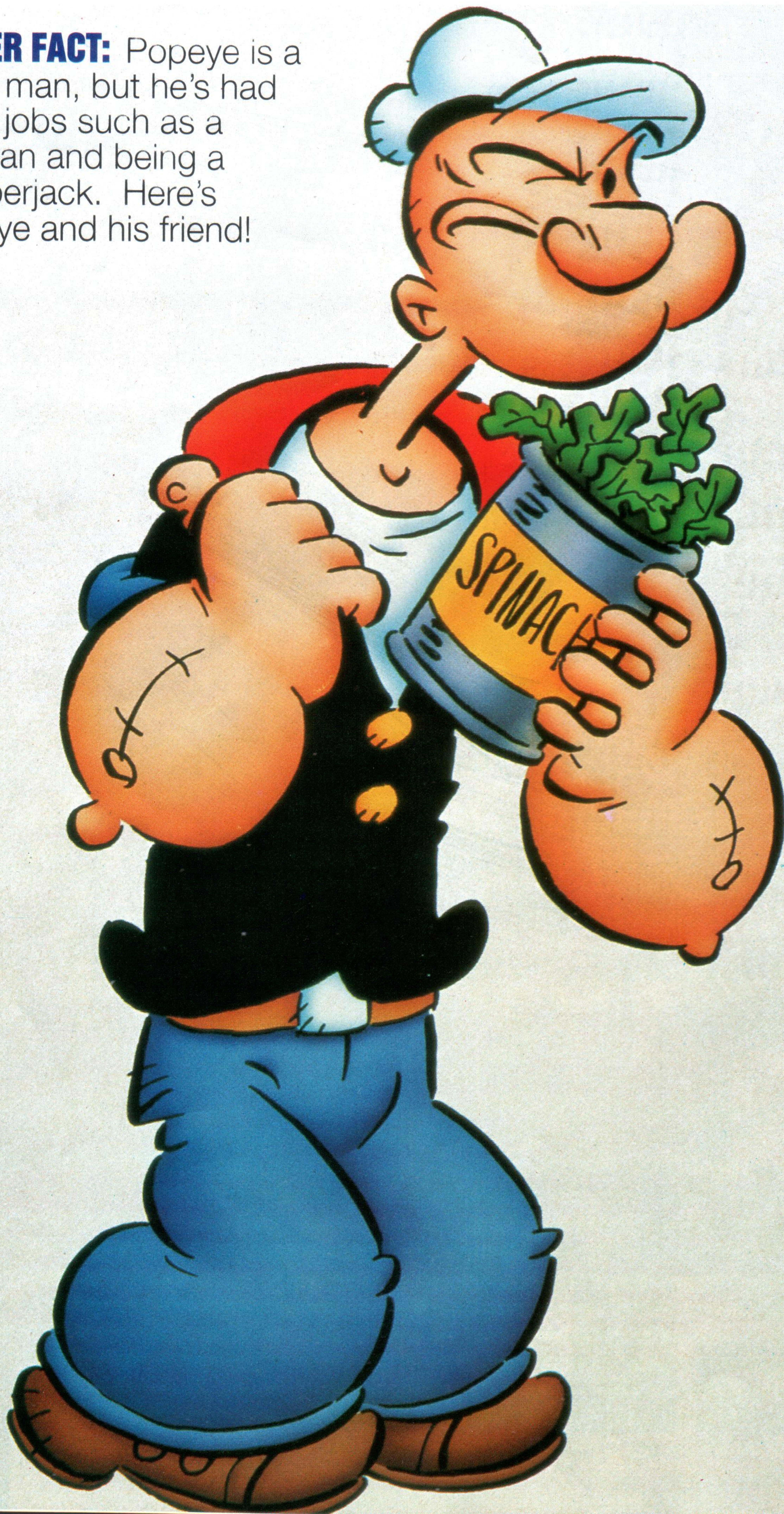
The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were originally in a comic book created by two friends Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird of Massachusetts. In 1984 movie producer Thomas K. Gray was working at Golden Harvest films, the same company that produced many Bruce Lee movies. Mr. Gray saw a Turtles comic book, and asked the comic creators for permission to turn their comic book into a movie.

POWER FACT: Half man-half machine, ROBOCOP battles diabolical criminals in the year 2005.

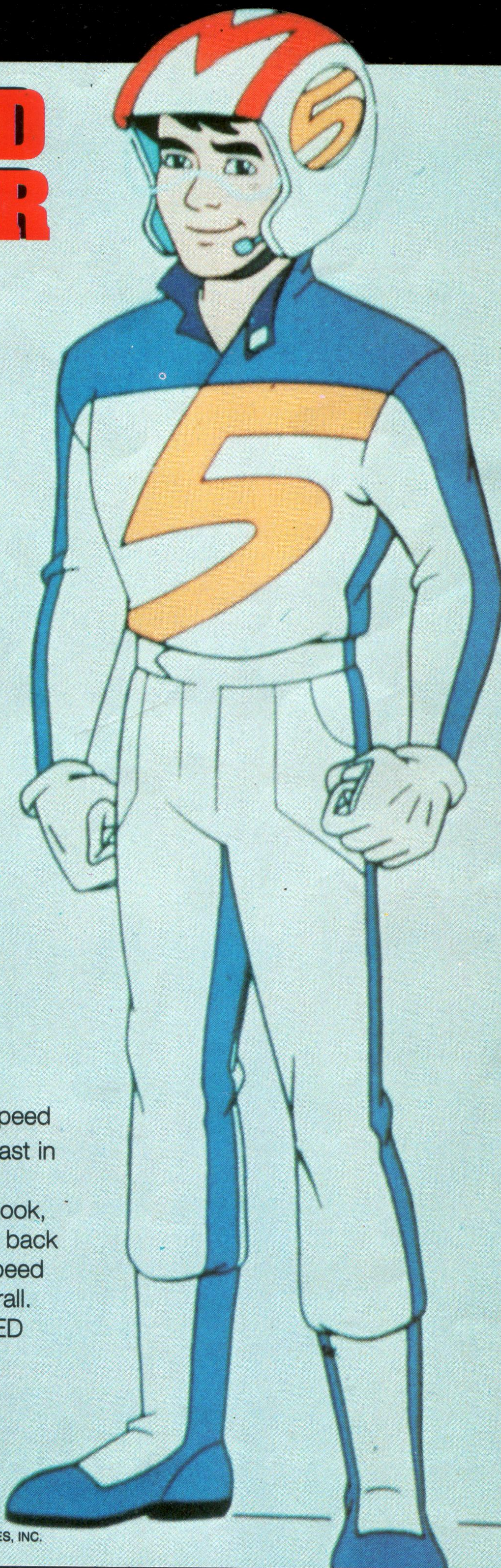


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POWER FACT: Popeye is a sailor man, but he's had other jobs such as a Fireman and being a Lumberjack. Here's Popeye and his friend!



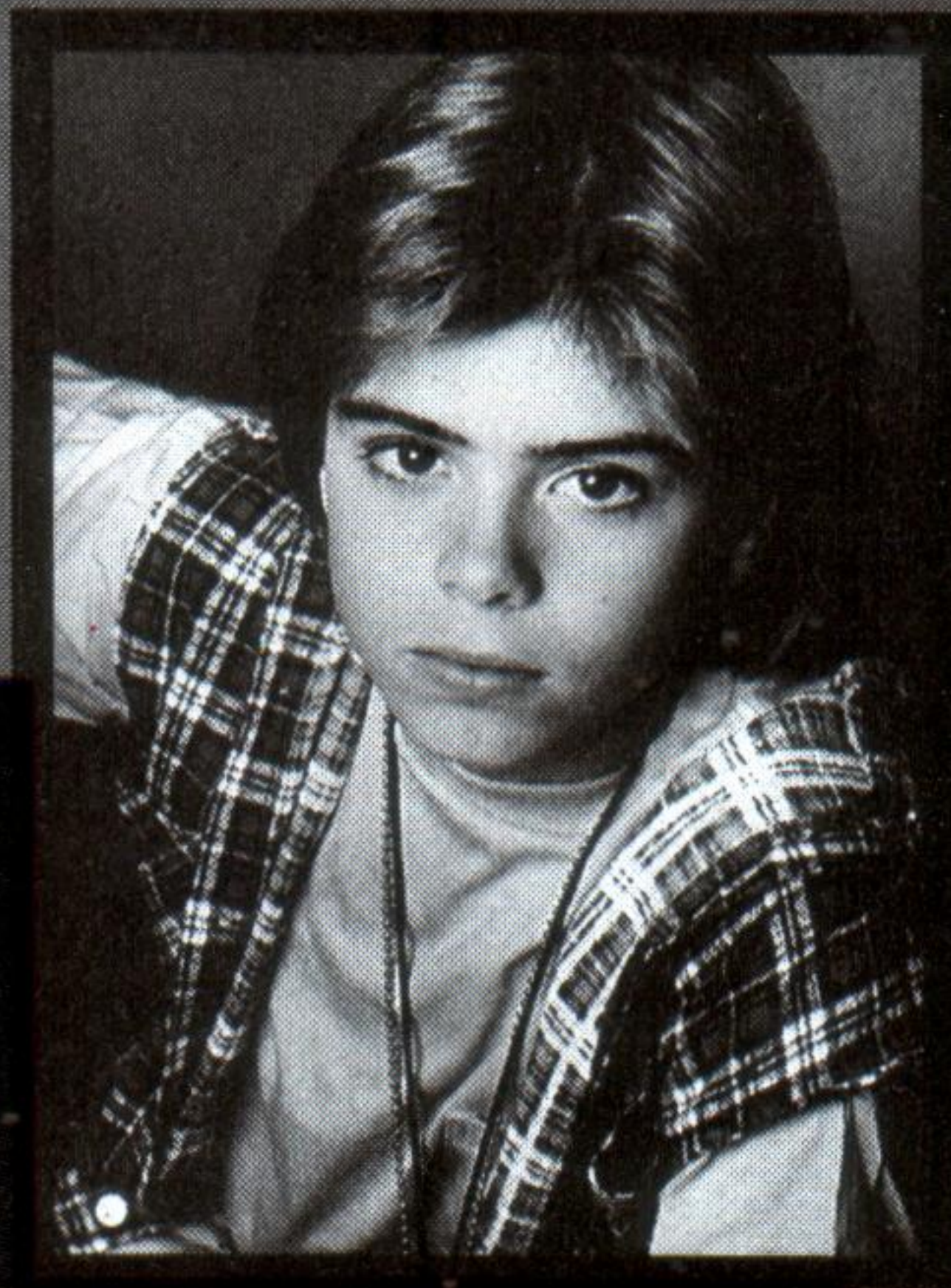
SPEED RACER



Power Fact: Speed Racer was first broadcast in Japan, 1965. Speed became a top comic book, and then MTV brought back the show. Recently Speed has had an image-overall. Here's THE NEW SPEED RACER!!!

SUPER HUMAN SAMURAI SYBER-SQUAD

Heres Matthew Lawrence, who you probably know as Joey Lawrence's second oldest brother. Matthew's been in movies, MRS. DOUBTFIRE, JOSHUA'S HEART, PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES and TALES FROM THE DARKSIDE.



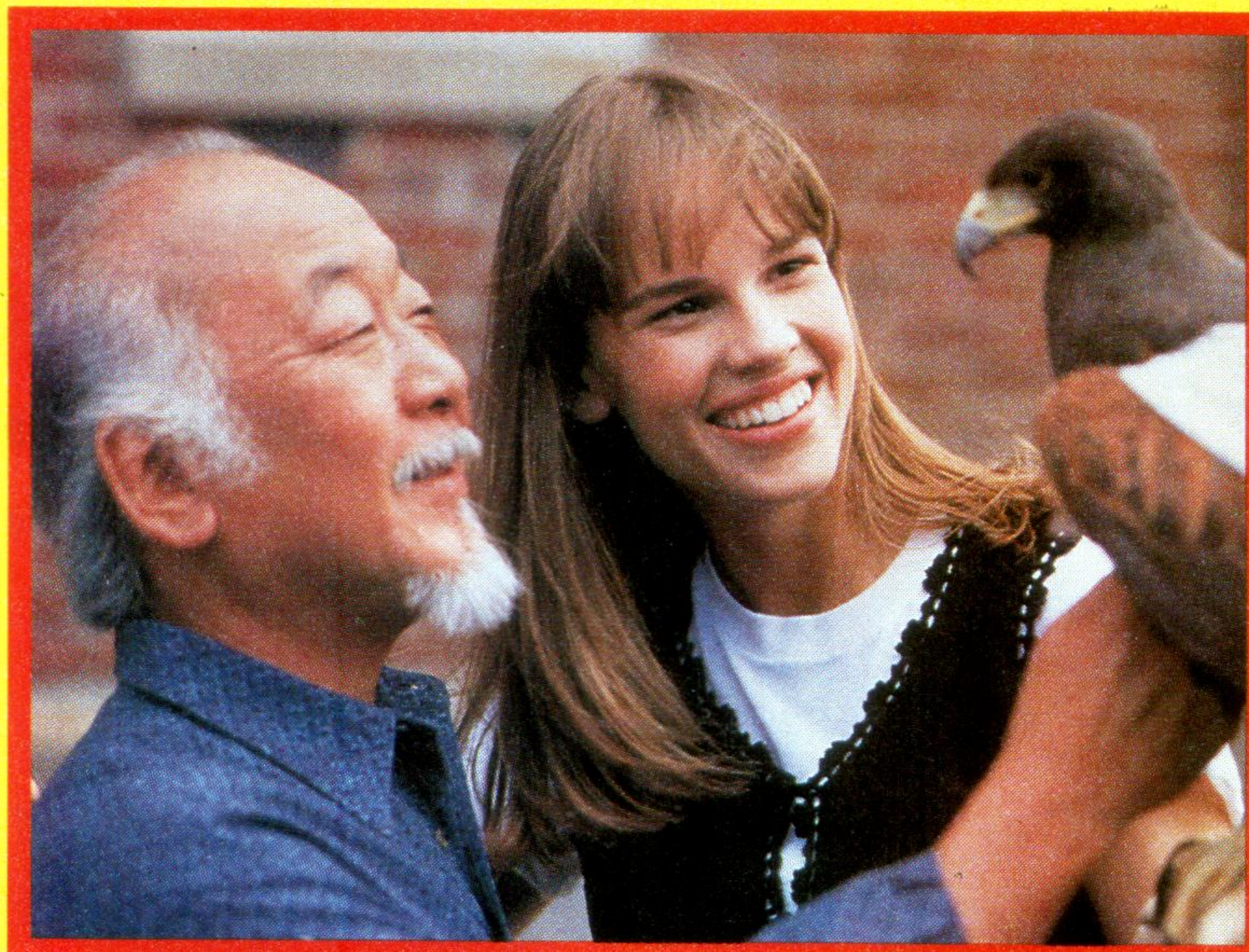
Can you believe it? Little Matthew Lawrence is going to be a super hero? That's right. Matthew Lawrence stars as Sam Collins, an overachiever as a world class video game player with computer expertise and as a lead guitarist for a garage band called SYBER SQUAD. By accident Sam stumbles into the information superhighway and uncovers "megaviruses" created and controlled by the evil Kilokhan, an evil warlord from another galaxy. Ultimately Sam and his bandmates create a digital superhero that does battle with Kilokhan and his megaviruses.

THE NEXT KARATE KID

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This is Hilary Swank, and she kicks butt!!



Hilary portrays "Julie Pierce", THE NEXT KARATE KID, in the movies. "Julie" learns how to control her anger, and develop fighting and spiritual qualities from her teacher Mr. Miyagi, portrayed by Pat Morita. Here's Hilary and Pat and a bird.



We really think you're going to like THE NEXT KARATE KID, because it shows that anyone can grow up and deal with any problem life gives them—from boyfriend-girlfriend relations to trying to figure out which dress to wear to the school dance.

Ralph
Macchio
and Pat
Morita



THE FIRST KARATE KID MOVIES....

Before Hilary there was Ralph, who played Daniel in the first three KARATE KID movies. In all three movies, Daniel was challenged by martial arts fighters who broke the sports first and most important rule, "Never start a fight."



In KARATE KID I, Daniel is introduced to karate because he gets viciously picked on by his fellow students. The building's superintendent Pat Morita teaches young Daniel how to defend himself. As the movie progresses the fellow students and their karate teacher pick on Daniel. Pat Morita intercedes, and they decide to settle the score at a karate tournament. Of course Ralph Macchio's character is the victor.



In KARATE KID II, Mr. Miyagi has to go to Japan to see his dying father. Daniel tags along, and encounters prejudice from both a young man and middle-age Japanese man who pick on Daniel and Mr. Miyagi. Mr. Miyagi accepts the middle-age man's fight challenge, but right before the fight, a monsoon hits, and everyone has to help each other. Ultimately only the young Japanese man fights and loses to both Mr. Miyagi and Daniel.



KARATE KID III is kind of a stupid story, because the teacher from the first movie's life is destroyed, because he lost all his top students because they didn't win the tournament. Ultimately the teacher attacks Mr. Miyagi, who easily wins against him. Then he hires a tough guy to convince Daniel to fight a tournament. Why accept the challenge? Call the cops, take out harassment papers. Despite the movie's stupidity, there are some cool fight scenes....

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EXOSQUAD



LT. J.T. MARSH is the leader of Exosquad. He joined the group when he was 18 years old to battle the pirates of Saturn!



Nara Burns is one of the first Earthlings that colonized Venus— she's in the Exosquad.

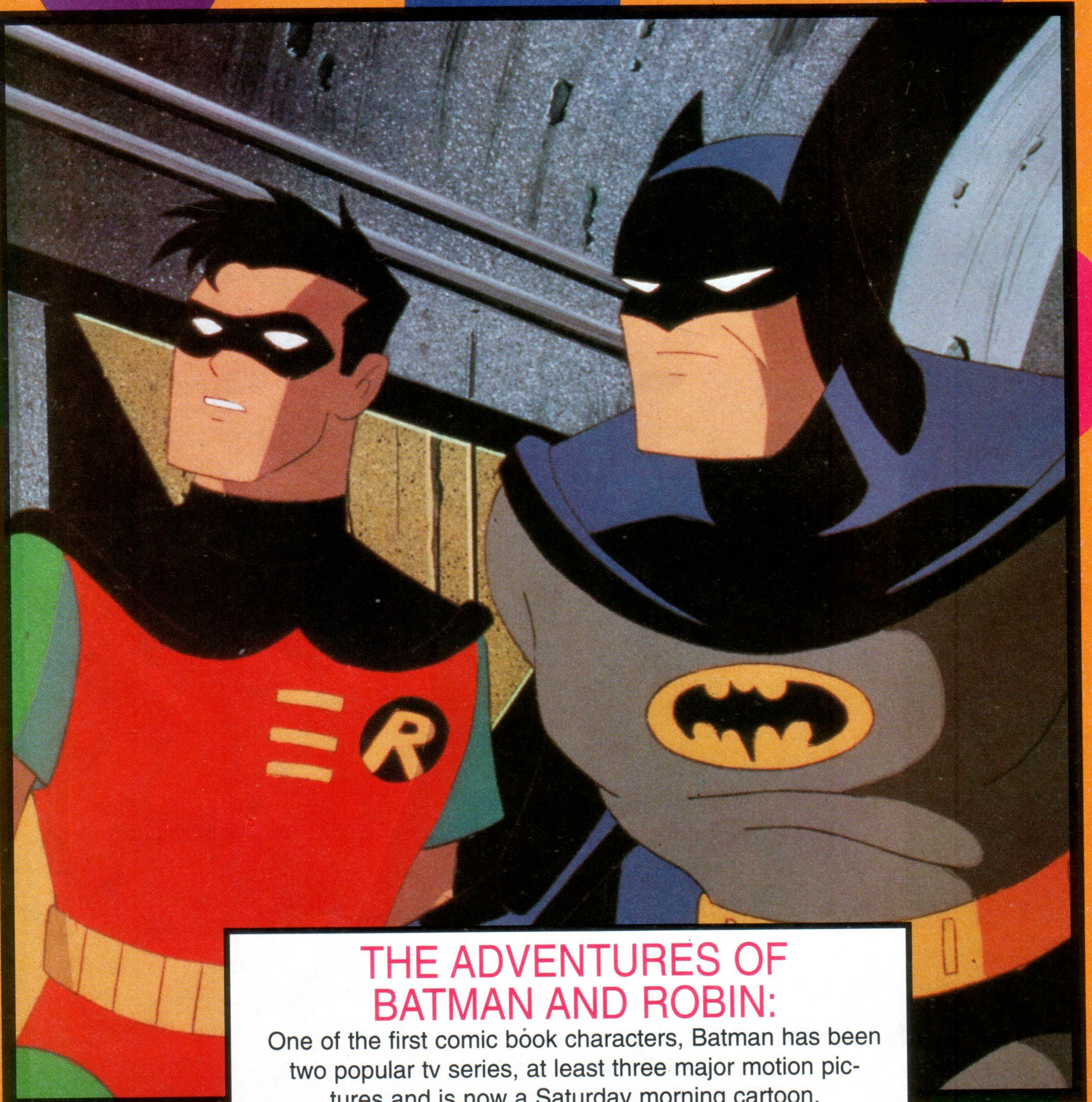


Here's Lt. Marsh in his flying E-Frame, and he's being pursued by the oppressive leader of the Neosapiens, Phaeton.

Exosquad is an exciting show that takes place in the 22nd Century. The show's premise is that Earth, Mars and Venus are part of a dictatorship led by genetically engineered super-humans called Neosapiens. In an effort to rise up from their oppression, a band of heroic young men and women— now known as Terrans— form EXOSQUAD and battle to save the earth!

Comics

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THE ADVENTURES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN:

One of the first comic book characters, Batman has been two popular tv series, at least three major motion pictures and is now a Saturday morning cartoon.

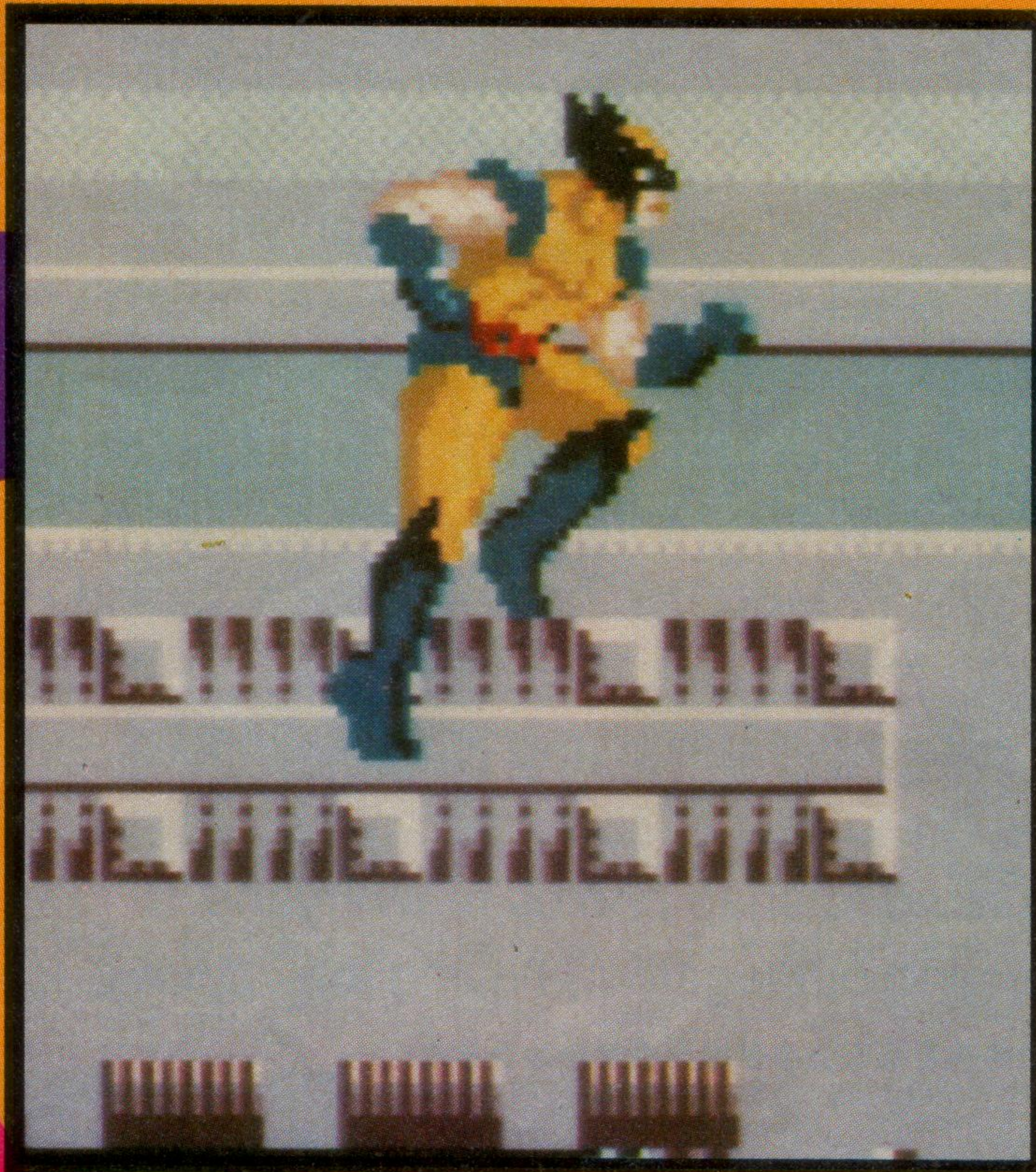
Many Heroes get their start as comic book characters— here's a few popular ones that have comics available.

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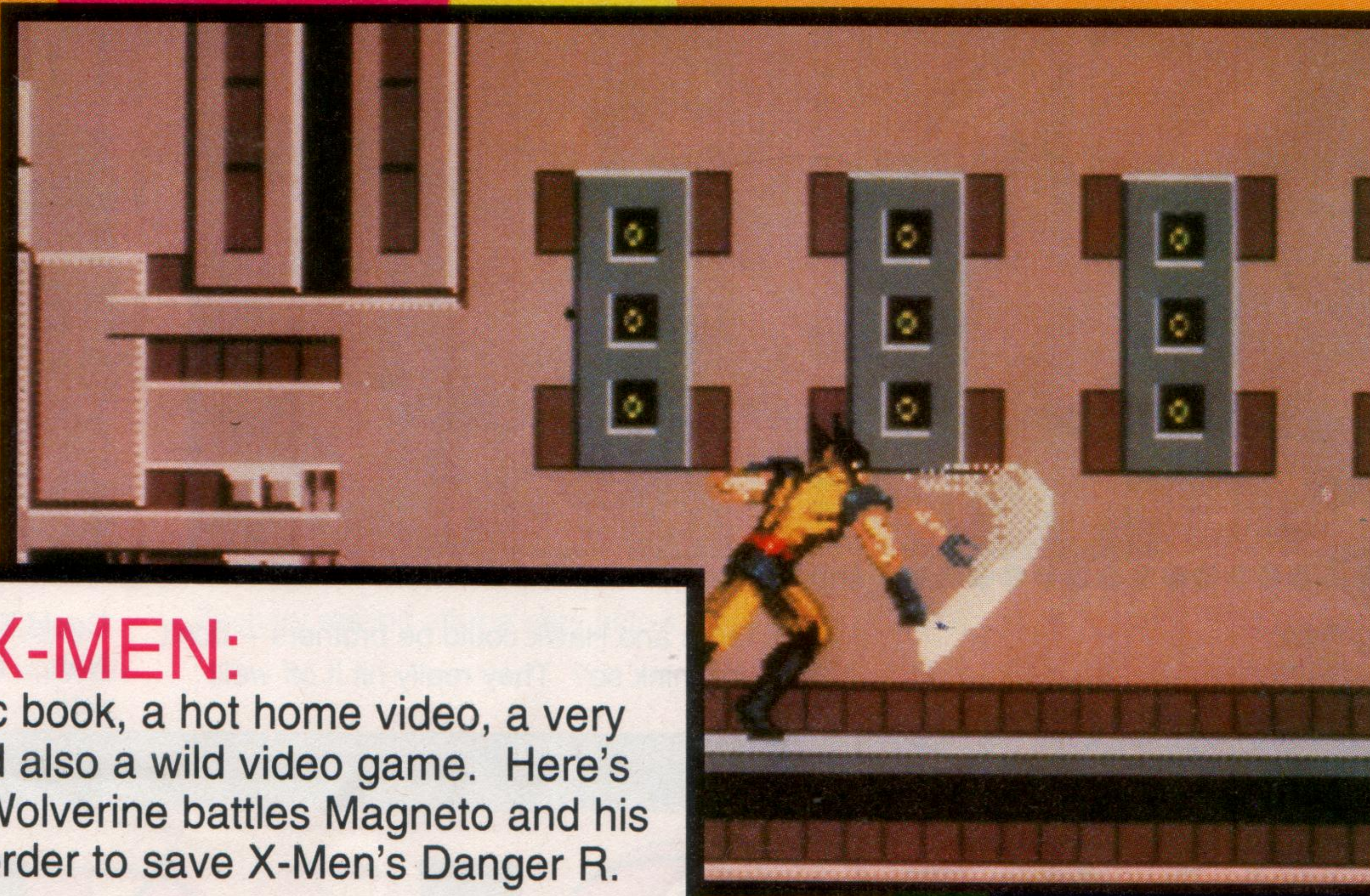


THE FANTASTIC FOUR:

Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben became power-heroes after cosmic rays showered their space-ship. Each developed special powers—Sue became the Invisible Girl, Ben The Thing, Reed Mr. Fantastic and Johnny The Human Torch.



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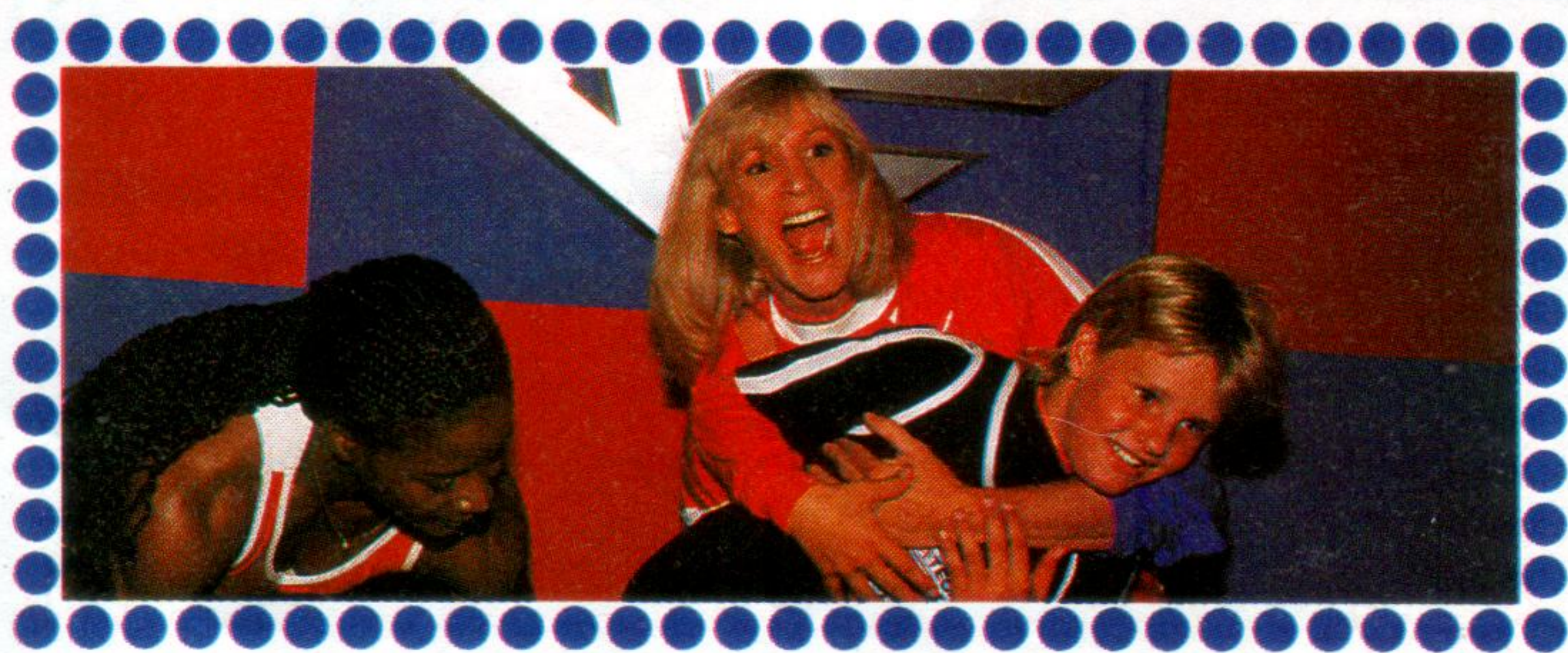
X-MEN:

X-Men is a top comic book, a hot home video, a very popular TV show and also a wild video game. Here's some scenes where Wolverine battles Magneto and his trained assassins in order to save X-Men's Danger R.

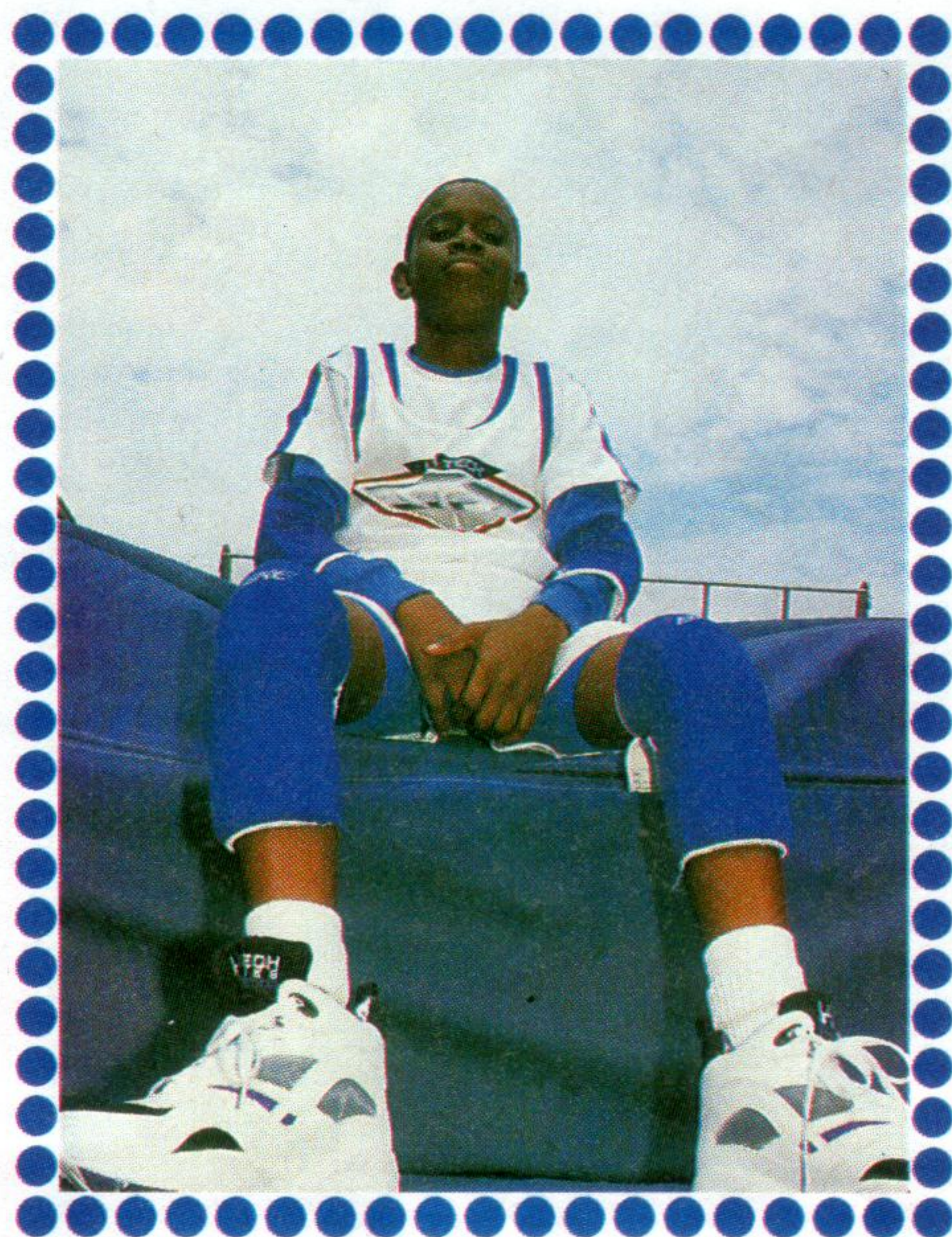
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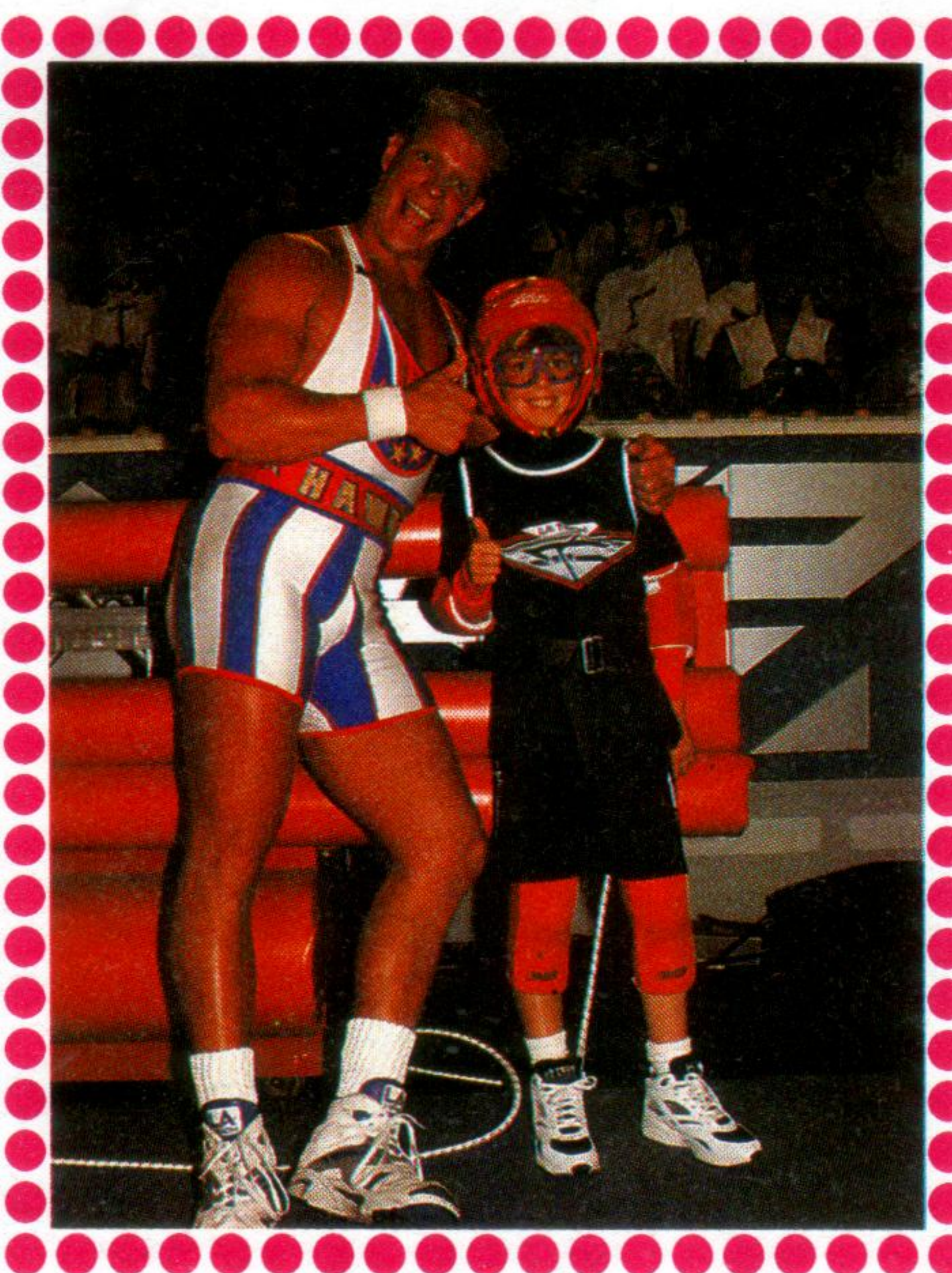
GLADIATORS 2000 is a hot new show that pits kids, ages 10-13 against each other in well-known AMERICAN GLADIATOR-type events like THE WALL, THE ELIMINATOR and SKY-TRACK. In fact the American Gladiators take part in GLADIATOR 2000, but so do many popular teenage actors, like HOME IMPROVEMENT'S Zachary Ty Bryan and Taran Noah Smith, STEP BY STEP's Christopher Castile and HANGIN' WITH MR. COOPER's Marquise Wilson. I was on hand to snap photos of everyone hanging out together, having lots of fun.



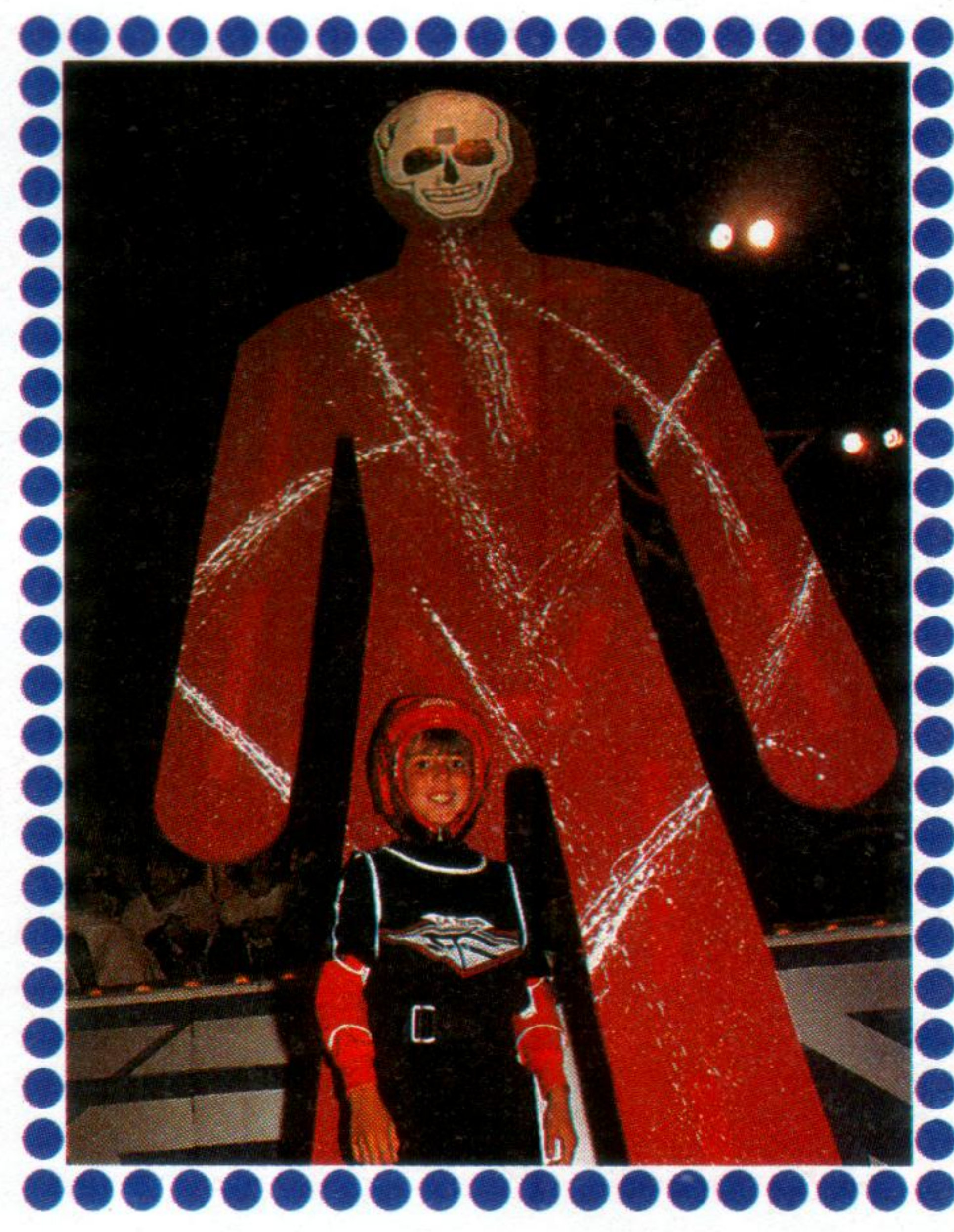
GLADIATORS' Sky and Jazz are inventing a new endurance event— to see how long they can tickle a kid before he or she starts giggling! Zachary lost it, and Christopher won.



Big Foot!



Taran and Hawk could be brothers— don't you think so? They really hit it off well!



Could Taran and this big guy be brothers? Nah.... but Taran hit this guy off pretty well.....

THE SCENES



Zachary and Christopher are take on THE WALL!



Siren and Laser can lift Marquise and Taran with one arm—they're show-offs!



Taran can't wait till he gets his driver's license. Meantime he drives the truck on the set.



Zachary resting after a very active day.

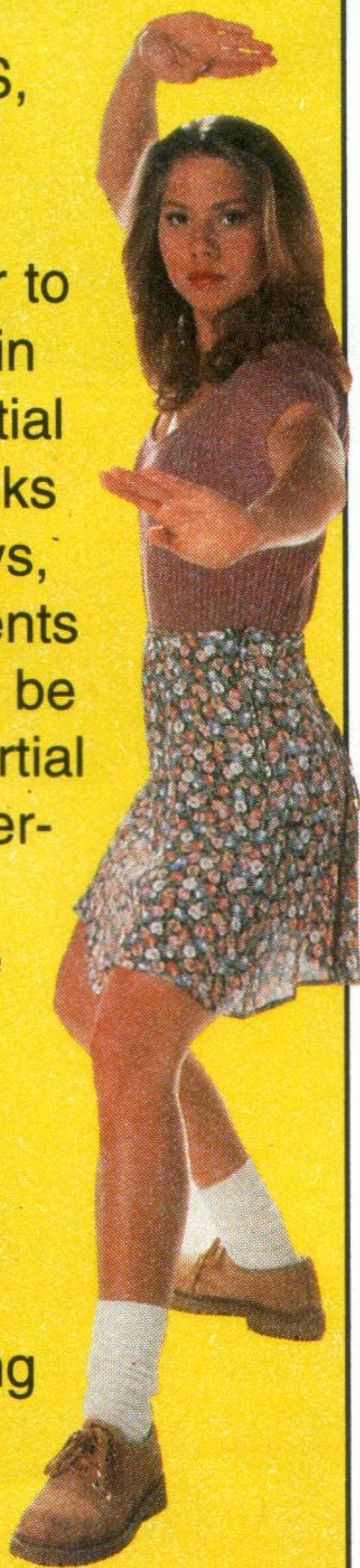
V.R. TROOPERS



V.R. Troopers sort of look like the Power Rangers, huh? That's because the people who created Power Rangers invented these heroes. In actuality they're different than the Power Rangers. V.R. Troopers are three power heroes, who change from mere mortals when they enter cyberspace! The name V.R. stands for Virtual Reality.

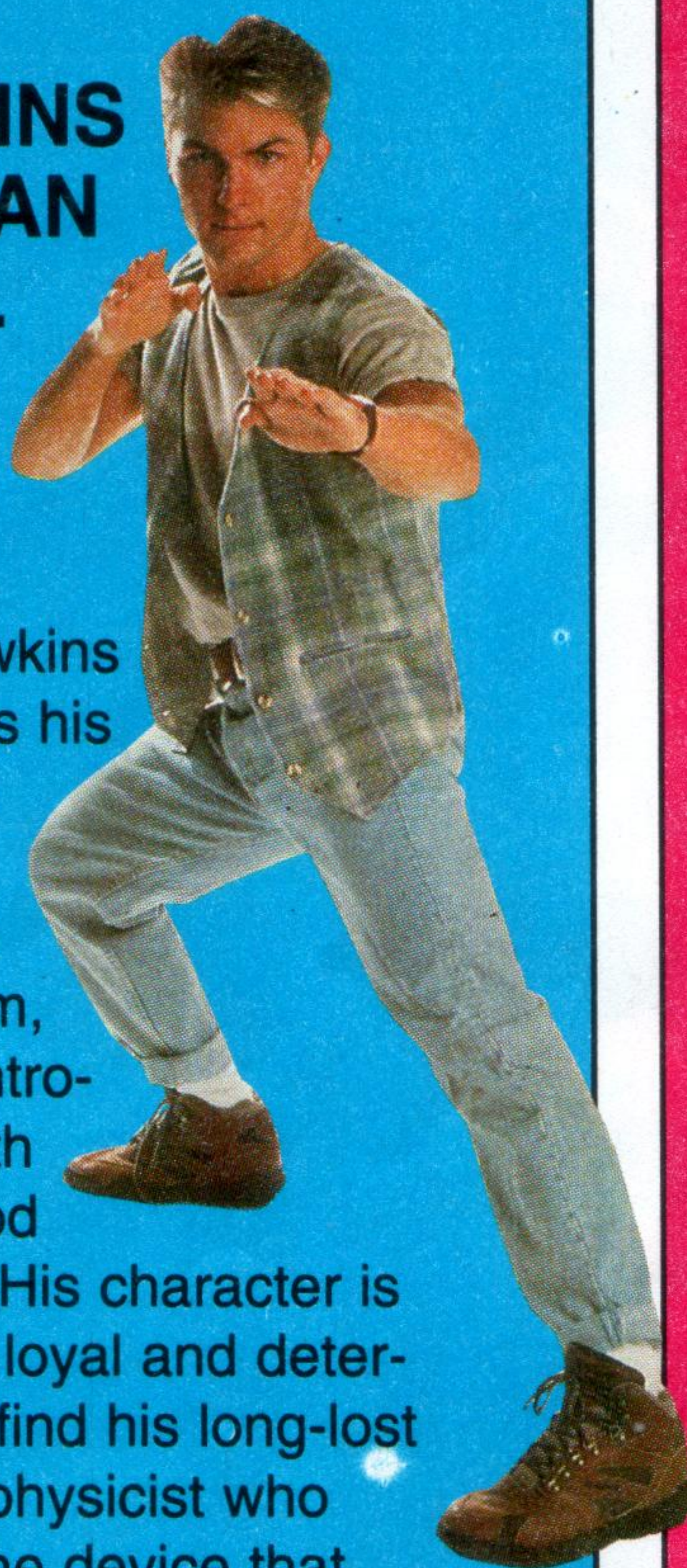
SARAH BROWN AS KAITLIN STAR

Kaitlin Star is an underground investigative reporter who can't stand media that's controlled by bribes, and she maintains her integrity by working longer and harder to find out the answers. In real life Sarah has been acting since she was in the sixth grade—doing dance and musical theatre for school plays. By the time she reached high school she was taking part in community theatre in Los Angeles, acting in *THE CRUCIBLE*, *SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY* and more. She's even directed plays. She danced during the opening ceremonies of the 44th ANNUAL EMMY AWARDS, and acted in the movie *BLUE CHIPS*. In order to prepare for Kaitlin she studied martial arts for four weeks straight, and says, "Dance movements are supposed to be beautiful. In martial arts it's very different. It's aggressive, not a piece of choreography." Sarah's other favorite sports are fencing, horseback riding and skating (ice, roller and roller blade).



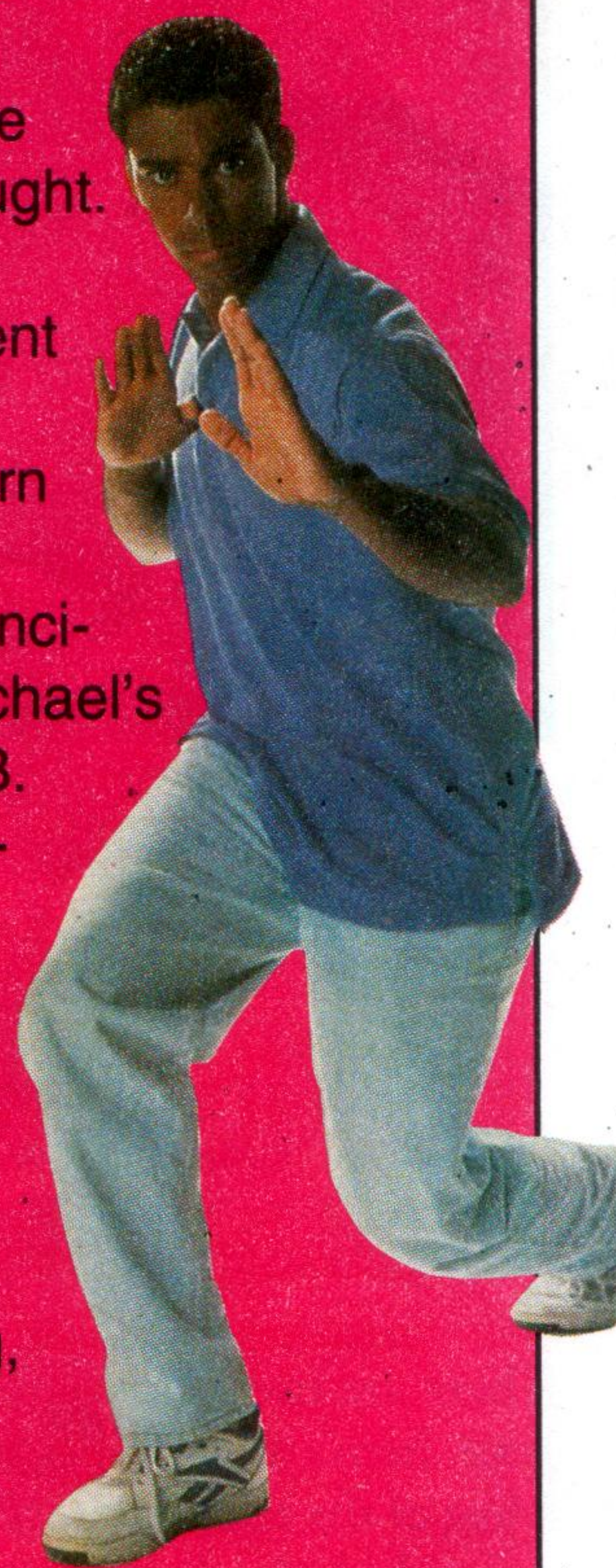
BRAD HAWKINS AS RYAN STEEL

Brad Hawkins says his character Ryan Steel is a lot like him, "kind of introverted with a few good friends." His character is also very loyal and determined to find his long-lost father, a physicist who created the device that allows the Troopers to travel between the worlds of Actual Reality and Virtual Reality. In real life Brad was a high school football hero from Plano, Texas who went to Cisco Junior College for one week on a football scholarship. Unfortunately he found out that college football is a lot tougher than high school football, "they hit a lot harder." After a week of "hard knocks" Brad went home, and decided he'd prepare himself for a career in acting, and really worked hard to improve his martial arts skills which not only taught him about "respect and balance" but helped him gain an entry into show business. He acted in *SHAG*, the movie *JFK* and TV's *WALKER TEXAS RANGER* and *NORTH & SOUTH*. He also tried out for the *POWER RANGERS*, but at the last minute was offered the part of Ryan in *V.R. TROOPERS*.



MICHAEL CALVIN BACON AS J.B. REESE

On *V.R. TROOPERS*, J.B. has been best friends with Ryan since he was in the third grade—they both have a martial arts school together. In real life Michael became friends with Brad after they met on the set of the show. Michael spent the first seven years of his life living in Germany before his family moved to the sparsely inhabited Shirley, Massachusetts. Because there were hardly any friends to keep him company, Michael developed his imagination, and began creating everything he could think of. In high school he decided to study martial arts, which he ultimately taught. After high school he went to vocational school to learn computers. (Here's a coincidence—Michael's character J.B. teaches martial arts and loves to work on the computer!) Ultimately Michael began acting, actually appeared in videos for Domino "D" and Tony Braxton, then acted in movies *SHORT CUTS* and *INVITATION TO DIE*. Michael also loves sports including gymnastics, boxing, hip hop dancing, rollerblading, horseback riding and snow skiing!



Mighty Tough Power Rangers!



By Paul "Dr. X" Nanna

So you've been watching **THE MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS** and you're finding your creative juices stirred? Do you want to do this yourself, create your own super hero? You can, and it's easier than you think!

There are two places you can start—with your hero's name or your hero's powers. Most of the time one leads to another. For example, let's take the classic super hero of all time—Superman. When you have a name like Superman, your guy pretty much has to be good at everything—more powerful than a locomotive, leaping tall buildings in a single bound, etc—Superman—a hero's name defining what his powers ought to be. The Shadow—has very mysterious powers, like mindreading and becoming invisible. The Power

Rangers MORPH— change from being Teenagers with attitude into mighty powerful heroes.

You can give your hero his power first, and use the powers to help you find a name like Wolverine from the X-Men. What you have with Wolverine is a guy with claws, who loves to fight, and it's almost impossible to kill him. Why not name him after an animal with the same qualities, like a wolverine?

Whenever you give your hero his powers, don't worry about being too original. Super heroes have been with us for about 60 years— actually centuries if you look at legendary and historical figures like Paul Bunyan or Jesus. Pretty much every good power has been done already. The best thing to do is to pick powers you wish you had. That will make it easier for you to

make adventures for your hero.

Where you can be original is in how your hero got his or her powers and in the combination of powers that your hero might have. For example, Superman is invulnerable, which means he can't be killed by ordinary methods, only by Kryptonite. He got his invulnerability because he's an alien from a planet that orbited a red sun. When he came to earth, the strange radiation from our yellow sun gave him many super powers.

When Marvel Comics came up with Wolverine, they wanted him to be equally difficult to kill, but aliens from other planets had been done many times since Superman. (Originality is not nearly as important as it ought to be in the super hero business.) Wolverine became a mutant with a "healing factor" in his



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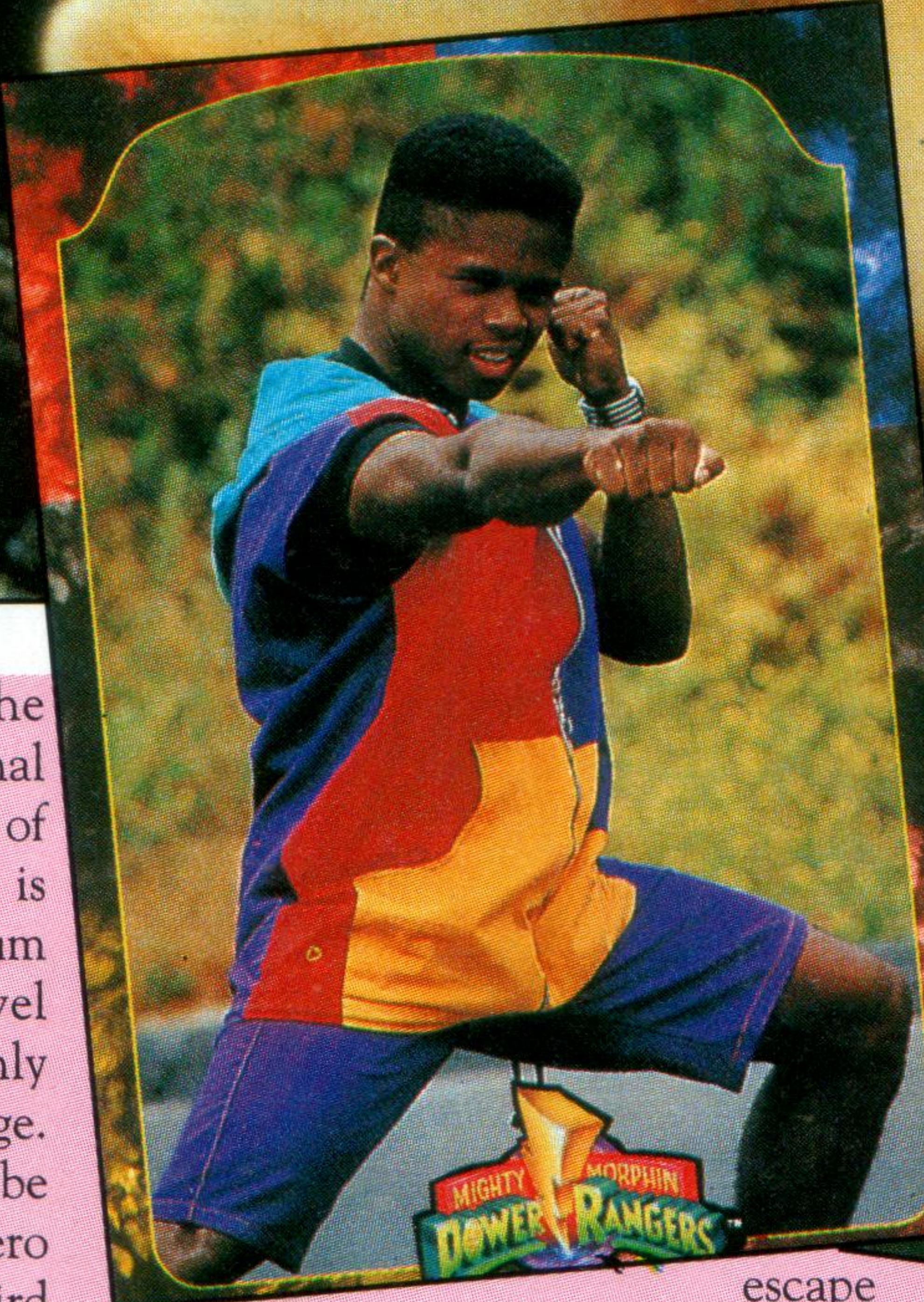
YOUR OWN

POWER

HERO!

metabolism, so that any wound he received would heal faster than a normal person's. Then a scientist in the employ of the Canadian government (Wolverine is from Canada) give him an adamantium skeleton. Adamantium is a metal Marvel made up, that can't be broken and can only be smelted and shaped in a nuclear forge. So obviously Wolverine's bones cannot be broken. If you want to make your hero invulnerable, see if you can find a third way to make him so.

Another way to be creative is in choosing where and when your hero lives. This, helps to make him unique. The Power Rangers are teenagers who go to school, which definitely affects their stories. When they served detention, they did with other classmates. Meanwhile Rita Repulsa wrecked havoc on the world. The Rangers, first, had to figure out how to



escape
detention without getting into more trouble.

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles live in the sewers of the big city, and many of their adventures happen because they are not the only creatures down there. For example they are constantly thwarting the mad schemes of the Rat King, who share the sewers with them.



As
far as the "when" goes, most heroes like the Power Rangers live in the present, but there

are some exceptions. The Lone Ranger lived in the Old West, and Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, when many technological advances allow him to have devices to simulate super powers. The Legion of the Super Heroes live in the 30th Century,

One of the side benefits of Power-Heroism is you get collectible cards made about you. Here are some of Zack's! all cards are TM are © 1994 by Saban.



ULTRAMAN

in a galaxy-wide republic called the United Planets, with many alien races, many of whom are members of the Legion. The tensions caused by "common people" of one alien race disliking another (much like prejudice in our world) are the basis for many of the Legion's adventures.

Pick a time and a place that you like or where you wish you were. If you like cowboy movies, pick the Old West. If your favorite movie is STAR WARS, put your hero in the far future. Maybe you like life right here, right now. That's fine, too. The idea is you should feel comfortable with your setting, so you can



make up adventures for your hero.

So now you have a hero, his or her powers, and where your hero lives. Very good. But don't stop. You still have to make a supervillain!

-Ultraman was an Ultra Warrior created in Japan in the mid 1960s. A modern day Paul Bunyan, he inspired many of the Japanese "Renja" shows. He's 60 meters tall, weighs 58,000 tons and travels superfast. His weakness is that he can retain his gigantic form for only three minutes.

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THE MIGHTY WORD FIND

Words are powerful, just like the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers! But sometimes words get lost. It's your job to find these words, and you'll feel more powerful! Good luck!

CLUES

TIGER (from Sabre-Tooth Tiger)

POWER RANGER

RITA REPULSA

ZORDON

SAURUS (from Tyrannosaurus)

KIM (from Kimberly)

GO (from "Go Go Power Rangers!")

JASON

TRINI

TOMMY

ZACK

BILLY

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KARATE

RED

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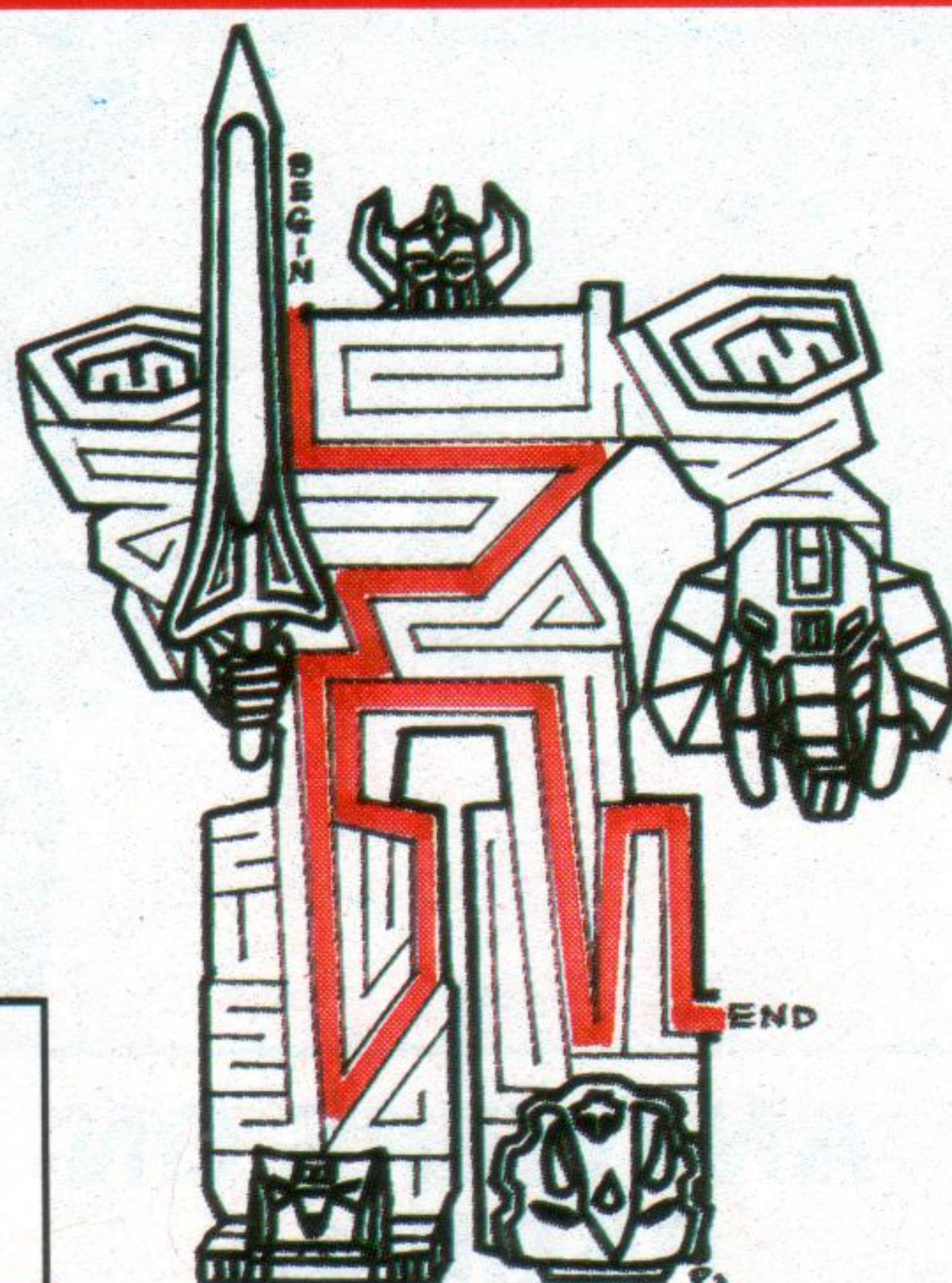
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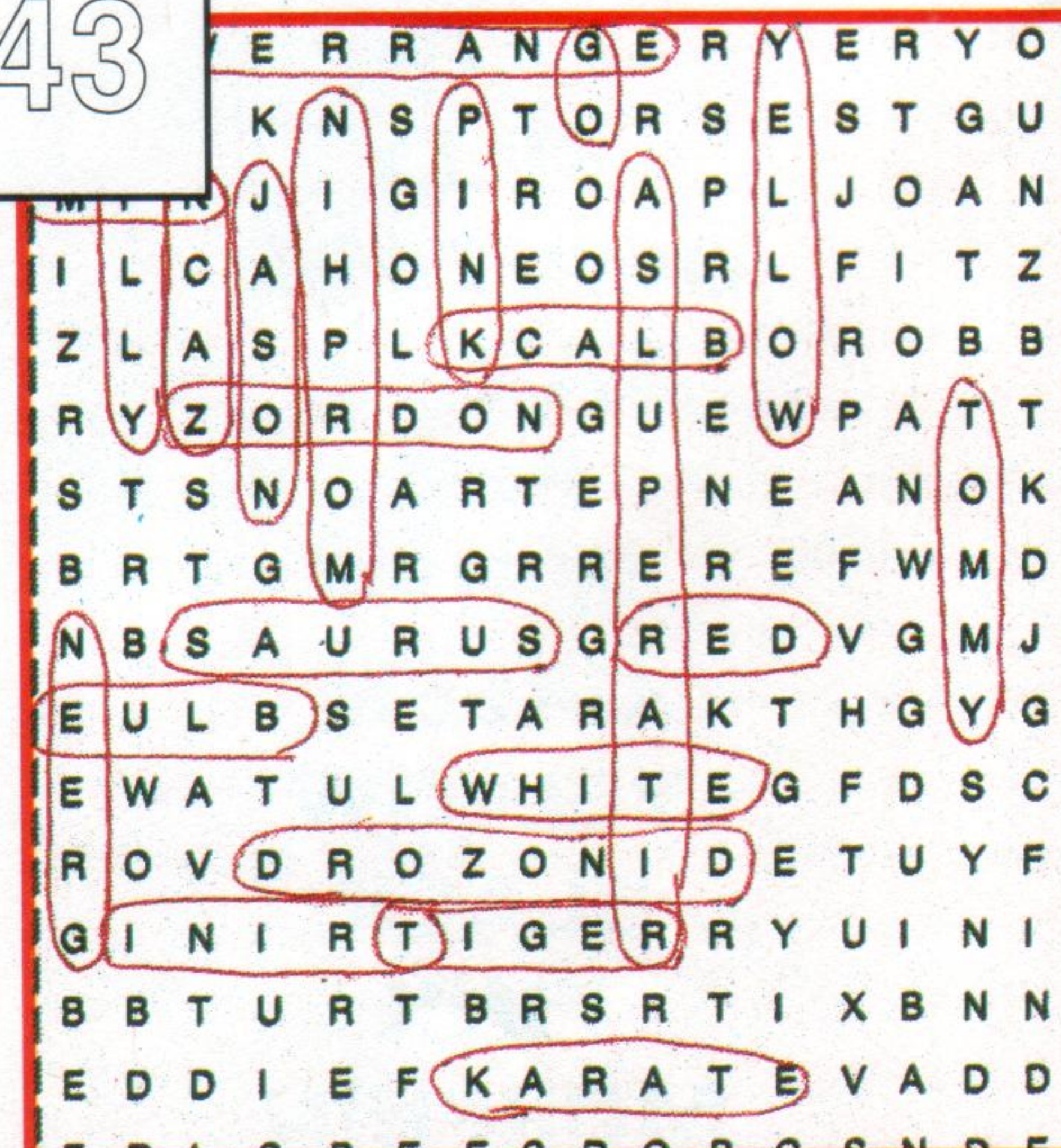
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BLAST OUT THE PAST

Who'd have thought that a show that was so bad in a so-good sort of way would become an American phenomenon? Anybody that liked the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, that's for sure. The first few episodes of the show were sort of goofy—a Ranger would get swallowed up by one of Rita Repulsa's evil crew, and the next thing you'd see was a Ranger stuck inside a large fisheye lens, struggling to break free! At first it was a weird to watch and listen to Rita Repulsa complain (she doesn't talk), because what she said was never in synch with her mouth forming the words.

But as the show became more popular, we—as fans—began to relate more and more to the characters of the Rangers. By the time Tommy The Green Ranger was introduced to the show, we really know Jason, Billy, Zack, Kimberly, and Trini—their likes and dislikes. But Tommy seemed to be a really interesting character, dark, moody and full of trouble.

That's because Tommy was originally created by Rita Repulsa. In time the Power Rangers got Tommy onto their side. And now as we await the new TV season, we wonder what is in store for Tommy's future. He seemed weakened after the Rangers battled the new and improved Putty Patrol in the pilot for the new season.

There's speculation from what could happen to Tommy this fall by looking at some of the Japanese versions of the Power Rangers, specifically the show DAI RENJA. That show featured a White Ranger that replaced a Green Ranger. On **Dai Ranger** the



BLAZE IN THE FUTURE

**COULD
THIS
BE THE
YEAR
OF THE
SENTAI
HERO?**



THE DAI RENJA, the Japanese show which had the Green Ranger.
Photo from Sentai

Green Ranger died— his powers were absorbed by the Red Ranger. And then he was replaced by the White Ranger.

Except for the dying bit, these things have happened on the Power Rangers. On one episode Rita kidnapped Tommy, and informed him because he wasn't serving her, she would take away his powers when a green voodoo-like candle burnt out. Next show Tommy gave his powers to Jason and became a mere mortal (but he got to keep his Dragonzord), doing whatever was humanly possible to help the Power Rangers.

We think it would be awful to kill off The Green Ranger—even the Evil Rita hasn't been killed— Zordon wouldn't have that! We'd like Tommy, The Green Ranger, to have his own TV show.

After all American television has shown us that many "Ranger Shows" have been popular—including **Ranger Rick's Nature Program, The Lone Ranger, Walker Texas Ranger**, The recent hockey playoffs which featured **The New York Rangers** as champions and of course our

favorite— **The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers**. We're sure that Tommy would like his own show!

Anyhow, there's lots of cool things happening with The Power Rangers— they're going to fight new villains including Lord Zedd, (the mass of muscle and steel, who will be creating very powerful monsters to challenge the Rangers). Among the powerful monsters Lord Zedd creates— Primator from an ape (we gotta be careful of Primator because he can transform himself into anything including a Power Ranger! uh oh!) and Pirhantishead from a piranha. The Rangers are really going to be on top of things this year, because Lord Zedd is not going to fool around, that's for sure.



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MEGAZORD



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POWER FACT:
Megazord is a combination of the five Rangers Zords. Note the different colors. This is a toy from Bandai America.

Power Rangers

